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MIDGETS FROM ALL OVER



Midgets attending their first annual convention in Reno are pictured above as they appeared yesterday at the Riverside Hotel. In the foreground is Robert Hinkson of Washington, D. C. At the registration table, taking charge of the sign-ups is Joan Coffman of Reno. The convention, which has attracted delegates from all over the United States, will last through tonight. (Photo by Gross)



MIDGETS OF AMERICA are shown assembled in Riverside hotel for their first convention in history. Left to right are, front row, Rocky Carr, Hollywood; Robert Shoemaker, Antioch; Launa Shelton, Phoenix; Billy Barty, Hollywood; Hilda Lange, Albany, Calif.; Robert Hinkson, Washington, D. C.; rear row, Mr. and Mrs. A. Anderson,

San Francisco; Frank Delfino, San Diego; Paul Dolinajec, Arlington Heights, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, Sacramento; Richard Preston, American Fork, Utah; Dan Turner, Black Mountain, N. C.; Emil Kranzler, Minneapolis, Minn., and Stanley Osborne, Ogden. Final business session of two day conclave was under way this afternoon. (Gross photo)

MIDGETS MEET, DISCUSS SOME BIG PROBLEMS

RENO, Nev., April 4—(P)—The Midgets of America drew up pint-sized resolutions today aimed at making it a better world for little people.

The 27 delegates planned to take up such vital matters as the height of phones in public booths, how to squeeze onto a rush hour bus and the facilities in rest rooms.

Another matter of concern was the problem of clothes. Most midgets have to have all their clothes tailored and their shoes hand made. They said "big people" should be aware of their plight.

There are about 160 midgets in the United States. Until now, they have had no organization.

However, they met at the Riverside Hotel yesterday and decided to form the Midgets of America and to set up permanent headquarters here. The hotel gave them free rooms and meals at half price.

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Hilda Lange of Albany prepares dinner in the kitchen of her home at 1027 Santa Fe Ave. Miss Lange, who is just a half inch over four feet in height, is a member of the Little People of America, a nationwide group. She is scouting around the Bay area for other midgets and dwarfs under four feet 10 inches tall who might like to join the organization.

Albany Woman Sparks 'Little People' Group

By JIM DEMPSEY

One in every 1,000,000 persons in the United States today is a "little person"—a dwarf or midget.

That means there are now about 160 "little people" in the United States.

For the first time anywhere, they decided to get together and hold a convention. Twenty persons, all in the four-foot category, gathered in the Riverside Hotel in Reno, Nev. Seventy-three others wanted to come but were unable.

One of those who attended was Miss Hilda Lange, of 1027 Santa Fe Ave., Albany. She is a scant 4 feet, ½-inch tall.

She is looking for other "little people" living in the Bay area to induce them to join a new organization — The Little People of America.

Anyone is eligible, she said,

who meets the following qualifications: an American or Canadian citizen, 16 years of age or over, and under 4 feet, 10 inches tall.

The organization was set up, Miss Lange said, to talk over and try to solve the everyday difficulties "little people" encounter. Such things as shoes, clothing, employment and everyday living can be a real problem, she said.

The Albany woman, who is employed as a reweaver in a San Francisco firm, admits things get pretty rough for her during the 5 o'clock "commuter stampede."

LOST IN FOREST

Another reason for the establishment of the Little People of America is to organize social activities—something painfully lacking for each isolated dwarf or midget lost in a forest of 999,999 "big people," she said.

"I want to try to contact as many 'little people' as possible," Miss Lange said, "to get them to join. Especially if they are in distress, we want to help them."

The Albany woman asked that interested persons contact her or write the organization's president, Billy Barty, Riverside Hotel, Reno, Nev.

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WELCOME TO RENO

I would like to meet and greet each of you personally, but business takes me out of the city during your first annual convention here. Here's a poem I learned years ago, that I'd like to quote in your honor:

I met a small man once
Down where the lilies grow.
I asked him why he was so small
And why he did not grow.
He smiled at me
And with his eyes
He looked me through and through,
"I'm as big for me" said he
As you are big for you."

Sincerely, enjoy Reno . . . come back often . . . to the
Biggest Little City in the world . . . for a truly BIG time

— MAYOR LEN HARRIS

PROGRAM

Wednesday, April 3

- 10:00 a.m.—All delegates assemble in lobby to register and receive badges (whether you have previously registered or not).
- 10:30 a.m.—Address of Welcome.
Call to order by Billy Barty, temporary chairman.
Reading of constitution and by-laws.
Nomination of officers.
- 12:30 p.m.—Luncheon
- 1:30 p.m.—Pictures and interviews in lobby, or other parts of hotel.
- 2:30 p.m.—Call to order.
Election of officers.
Appointment of resolutions and other committees.
- 4:30 p.m.—Pictures, interviews upon request.
- 7:30 p.m.—First annual banquet, Midgets of America.

Thursday, April 4

- (No morning sessions. Delegates free to get-together, enjoy facilities of hotel).
- 1:00 p.m.—Business meeting:
Amendments and adoption of constitution and by-laws. Committee reports: discussion of resolutions.
Passage of resolutions.
Felicitations to Mr. Mert Wertheimer, who made the convention possible.
Nomination and election, "Miss Lilliput" and "Mister Lilliput."
- 5:00 p.m.—Adjournment.

MIDGETS OF AMERICA

First National Convention
April 3 - 4, 1957

Riverside Hotel
Reno, Nevada

April 3:

- 10:00 A.M. Registration, receipt of badges and presents, Riverside Lobby.
- 11:00 A.M. First business and organizational meetings - Room 209.
- 12:30 P.M. Luncheon - Riverside Chuckwagon.
- 1:30 P.M. Pictures in lobby or other parts of hotel.
- 2:30 P.M. Business meeting - Room 209.
- 4:00 P.M. Pictures - interviews.
- 7:30 P.M. First annual Midgets of America Banquet, Theater Restaurant, as guests of Merv Wertheimer. Floor show stars: Shirley Bassey; Chuck Mitchell; the Wazzan Troupe; Bill Clifford's Orchestra, featuring Louise Vienna; the Riverside Starlets.

April 4:

(No morning sessions.)

- 1:00 P.M. Business meetings, including election of officers, resolutions, election of "Miss Lilliput" and "Mister Lilliput". Selection of 1958 convention city.
- 5:00 P.M. Adjournment.

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FACTS ABOUT THE MIDGETS OF AMERICA CONVENTION

One midget is born to every 1,000,000 persons in the world, making the U. S. midget population at the present time about 160.

"Little People" have fascinated "Big People" as far back as history goes. And the "Little People" are interested in each other, too, but up until today had no nationwide or world organization. They did not know how to "find" each other.

Little People's Confab Calls For Changes In Big World

McClatchy Newspapers Service

RENO, Nev.—Midgets ended their first annual convention here after electing Billy Barty of Hollywood, Calif., president of their newly formed Little People of America. Among resolutions adopted by the 27 delegates were a demand for half prices for transportation and restaurant meals, lower telephone booth rates and mass production of clothing for midgets. The delegates voted to hold their 1958 convention here. They adjourned yesterday.

Midgets, Dwarfs Plan Convention at Nevada Gaming Resort

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP)—Little people can handle big jobs. That's the theme of a convention that by all odds is one of the zaniest this gambling resort has seen. Bartenders, blackjack dealers and bellboys are baffled by the comings and goings of 300 men and women "no bigger'n a minute," as one said.

It's the first annual convention of the National Association of Little People of America. "Our organization includes both midgets and dwarfs," said Bob Brower, 33, a Des Moines, Iowa, supermarket operator. "We prefer to be called little people."

And little they are. At 4-10, Bob is the tallest of a group that scales down to 2-11. That's hip-high to a midgeting man and a clean six inches above a conventional office desk. You'd never spot the little chap behind a waste basket. Bob's wife, Marcella, a dancer, is 4-1½. Always keeping an eye out for the house, the Hacienda Hotel built ramps and steps for its pint-size guests at the dice tables and other games of chance.

The little people don't mind gaging it up. They posed with eight in a bed. They welcomed the platform around the take-ye-money gadgets with which this gambling center abounds.

But with their laughs, the delegates are serious about some things. That's why they're here. "We want to make the big people understand that little people think the same as they do," one delegate said. "And we want to show we can do a man-sized job about as well as the next fellow. There are lots of things that don't require a 6-footer's reach."

What sort of jobs do they fill? Delegates include veterinarians, commercial artists, a lawyer, an industrial engineer, salesmen, wrestlers and entertainers — among other things.

What do the conventioners chat

2121 West Madison
Phoenix, Arizona
June 7, 1957

Dear Little Friends,

After the lapse of two months I have finally gotten around to sending you the list of Charter members and the Constitution and Bylaws. Sorry it has taken me so long. This should make all of you think twice at the next election!

Also enclosed is an application card. I would appreciate it if you would fill it out and return it to me so that we can have complete information on file for each member of Little People of America. If it isn't asking too much, I would like a picture of each of you to be kept with the application. Should any of you know of any little people that are interested in becoming a member of our organization I will send you a card for them to fill out also.

I am so happy I had the opportunity to meet all you nice people and do want to thank each and everyone of you for electing me secretary. I hope I can live up to what is expected of me. I had a marvelous time in Reno and truly believe we all owe our appreciation and thanks to Mr. Nick Bourne and Mr. Wertheimer for the fine display of hospitality and warm welcome we received. Also Billy Barty deserves much praise for all the work he did in getting us together.

I have had so many nice letters from several of you already for which I am grateful. I want all of you to write and I will do my utmost to answer each one. If time is not found for individual letters I will mimeograph a letter occasionally to all of you. In several of the letters received I have been asked for snapshots of myself. Honestly, I do not have any worth sending out but will get some made, so be patient a little while longer and I will eventually send you one.

Another question asked was what I do with my time besides taking care of my three children. Well, besides being a mother (which, by the way, is a full-time job) I have worked as a Clerk-Typist for the State Health Department for the past seven years. During the school months I am secretary to the Jackson School P.T.A. and work with the Cub Scouts as an assistant den mother. (During the summer months we have only one meeting a month which consists of swimming and pot luck suppers with the families of all the boys present.) I am the Clerks' Membership Chairman for the Arizona Public Health Association and teach a Sunday School Class of 13 third and fourth graders. After all of this I do find some time in which to relax and enjoy the fellowship of my many friends. Television during the week; on week ends going to the Park, swimming and on picnics are my main sources of relaxation and entertainment. I enjoy sewing and cooking. Since it is so hot here during the summer months I do very little cooking. I hope this has answered most of your questions.

Till next time then, good luck and best of everything to all of you.

Sincerely,

Launa
Launa Shelton

P.S. - Hilda, Thanks for the picture. Hope your work has increased. I'd love to have you do my work. It's piled a mile high. You have the list of names so I'm not sending you another one. Write any time you want regardless of my limited amount of time.

Miniature Parade Gives Midgets a Lift

BY GEORGE MURPHY
News Staff Writer

RENO, April 4.—It was a fine parade.

Only a half block, but still fine.

It was the first parade of the first convention of the Midgets of America, and ran from Harrah's Club to the arch that says, "Welcome to the Biggest Little City in the World."

Us midgets (I got named Tallest Midget in America by the convention yesterday) had a wonderful time.

LITTLE PEOPLE of Reno, usu-

ally blasé, were just like kids at a circus.

Our president, Billy Barty, who performs on the Spike Jones Show, headed the paraders.

(Barty, asked by The News today about rumors he would resign before his one-year term expires, answered, "Utter rot.")

TODAY WINDS up the convention but plans are already being made for next year.

"It'll just get bigger and bigger," President Barty proclaimed.

The convention decided at a business meeting at the Riverside Hotel that we would allow

Canadian Little People in as full-fledged members next year.

OTHER FOREIGN midgets, will get associate memberships. Reno will be permanent headquarters.

After only two days, the Little People here have become as well-known as old-time Reno residents.

Craps table stickmen have boxes ready so that the midgets can stand on them to get up to table level.

PATRONS OF local watering holes have now gotten so they can control their astonishment when a group of little people walks in unannounced.

There have, however, been some reports of barflies' taking the pledge at the sight of a three-foot, nine-inch man shinnying up the adjacent barstool.

THE LITTLE People have that rare and satisfactory ability that makes their lot much easier:

The ability to laugh at themselves.

Launa Shelton of Phoenix, who is all of four-feet four, was heard telling of Dan Turner, a mere four-feet-one:

"Now you be careful out in the street. You're pretty small, you know."

AND A favorite gag is for one male midget to come up to another and ask:

"Why aren't you in the Army?"

They're a happy bunch of people and the convention has made them happier.

MANY OF them have lived almost all their lives without seeing another Little Person (there are only 160 in the U. S.), so this has established a sort of fraternity in miniature.

In a six-foot world, these four-foot people have bridged the gap—with a grin.

Little People Hold Convention

by REREDEL



Jimmie Lederer of Universal - International Newsreel records the first convention of midgets at Reno, Nevada. Facing Lederer's camera are Billy Barty of Hollywood, president, and Mrs. Launa Shelton of Phoenix, secretary.

Around this big nation of ours where the emphasis seems to be on so many BIG operators, BIG people, BIG shots and ambitious GIANTS rushing here and there to get up there, way up HIGH, it was the refreshing opposite at Reno, Nevada. Recently a BIG convention was held by a group of about 20 Midgets who are trying to be just LITTLE PEOPLE in this world.

Believe-it-or-not at this Midget convention the organization dug up a name which is now official, the group is to be known as the LITTLE PEOPLE OF AMERICA.

All they want is the little things of life, like half fares, half-priced meals, and to take a load off their little feet—a reduced rate on shoes. Just because they are small people they have to pay anywhere from \$40 to \$60 a pair as their shoes are such tiny size and have to be made to order.

At this first annual Convention, they elected a president, Billy Barty of 946 North Normandie Ave., Hollywood, Calif. This swell little half-pint guy has been appearing on the Spike Jones Show and it was Billy who propelled the entire idea which brought these "little people" together from all over the U. S. at Reno. Instead of a beautifully polished gavel, President Barty rapped the convention to order with an old hammer and for two days they did real business for themselves which could amount to many benefits for the small folk in years to come.

Lee Francovich (ex-UCLA football star)

manager of the Riverside Hotel, Reno, acted as host and gave the Midgets the joint for the two-day convening. They danced, ate, and had the time of their lives—all on the house.

Universal Newsreel's Jimmie Lederer threw in his bit to help the affair by promoting a Parade consisting of the Reno High School band, a horse and rider with a flag, and a couple of Police cars. This Parade was distinguished from all others by being the "shortest parade in the world"—just one-half block, in the "Biggest Little City in the World" as Reno is known.

For some of the Midgets who indulged, small ladders were handed out so they could step themselves up to the proper height at the gaming tables.

The two day convention ended with a BIG banquet after Mr. and Mrs. Lilliputian of 1957 were selected by the Tom Thumb conventioners.

These small folk took Reno by storm, the get-together was such a success that they have already announced the second annual convention for the LITTLE PEOPLE OF AMERICA, 1958.

HOW TO TAKE BETTER HOME MOVIES by Peter Gowland. New York: Arco Publishing Company. 144 pages. \$2.00.

A new do-it-yourself book with tips from some top Hollywood movie makers.

INTERNATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER for May, 1957



UP SHE GOES as Hilde Lange of Albany gets boost to a slot machine handle from Bobby Hinkson, Washington, D. C., during intervals in Midgets of America Convention at Reno's Riverside Hotel. (News Photo by Robert J. Warren)

What Midgets Want— Lower Phone Booths

BY GEORGE MURPHY
News Staff Writer

RENO, April 5.—The little people left here today, but with a promise they'll be back in exactly one year.

At a constitutional assembly in the Riverside Hotel here yesterday, the Midgets of America formally changed their association's name to the "Little People of America."

THEIR GROUP is going to lobby for:

- Lower phone booths ("with glass panels in the bottoms so that big people won't open the doors and knock us down thinking nobody's there.")

- Lower cafeteria steam tables ("so we can see what we're eating.")

- The right to buy children's plates at restaurants ("we may be older, but we're just as small.")

THE CONVENTION reaffirmed Billy Barty as president, and elected Dan Turner, of Black Mountain, North Carolina, president-elect for a two-year term beginning in 1959.

("Ah accept this honoah on behalf of the great state of No'th Cahlina," Dan said.)

The Little People issued their first honorary membership to Miss Elsa Rath, of Hamburg, Germany, who wrote she had read about the convention in a newspaper and wanted to join.

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP is confined to citizens of the U. S. and Canada.

The Little People's convention

was a rousing success, according to all concerned.

Posing patiently for newsreel, newspaper and magazine photographers, the 30-plus little folk here displayed an unflagging good humor.

The conventioners today were en route to their homes all over the nation.

Recording Secy. Launa Shelton left for Phoenix; Financial Secy. Bob Hankson for Baltimore, and Sgt.-at-Arms Richard Preston for American Fork, Utah. Michael Balluck and Hilda Lange took Western Air Lines to the Bay Area.

These last two were undoubtedly the favorite passengers of the stewardesses aboard Western's DC-6B.

"They're just the cutest things," enthused a stewardess, snubbing a News reporter.

Michael and Hilda, who flew up from San Francisco, liked the plane—"We didn't have to climb up to see out of the windows."

Midget Urges Little People Of US To Unite

By Douglas S. Dempster

Little People Of America, unite!

This is the call to arms of Waino Johnson of 236 Arcade Boulevard, North Sacramento, local spokesman for midgets.

Nineteen of the estimated 160 midgets of America held their first national convention last week in Reno, Nev.

Their first action was to widen the membership to all people under about 4 feet, 10 inches tall.

Johnson, 56, stands 4 feet, 4 inches. His wife, Lillie, is 4 feet, 4½.

Many Occupations

Don't sell these little people short.

Johnson has proven proficient as a town constable, ice hockey goalie, Hollywood night club entertainer, circus performer and skier.

Like many another handicapped person, he has not let his deficiency become a crutch.

He was touted in Robert Ripley's Believe It Or Not as the world's smallest constable. He operated in 1923-24 in Hibbing, Minn., where he watched the town's dance halls, frequented by burly iron miners and woodsmen.

"A couple of them got into a fight one night," the diminutive former constable began. "I looked up at 'em and said, 'This is no place to fight. Go out there 100 feet and tear the woods apart if you want.'"

"They didn't put any fuss. They moved away and they didn't fight."

Little Discrimination

A similar measure of respect has attended Johnson throughout his active life. He finds little discrimination on account of his size. However, his wife has experienced difficulty getting a job because of it.

Before they came to Sacramento five years ago, they were employed on an oilman's estate near Bakersfield.

"My wife had to take care of a 14 room house and give dinner parties for 75 or more people," Johnson explained. "It wore her down and we had to leave."

Since then she has stuck to keeping up their two bedroom home while Johnson has worked at McClellan Air Force Base.

Mrs. Johnson's dishwashing job is made easier by a raised platform and ramp at the sink.

Enjoy Gardening

The couple enjoys gardening and the other responsibilities attendant on home ownership.

With their new "midget car—for midget people," as Johnson describes it, they plan frequent fishing trips. He likes to hike.

"I just have to take a few more steps than the next guy," he laughed.

One day long ago, he tried out the Hibbing ski jump, featuring an 80 foot drop from a mine scaffold unused in winter. He buckled on his skis and took off, landing headup. This made him a ski enthusiast for years.

Special Problem

The convention the Johnsons attended was called so midgets could meet others of their kind.

The midgets have a special problem—communicating with one another. Just like everyone else they seek security with their own kind.

"Living in an out size world," a convention statement points out, "and having to plod through the endlessly tall forests of 999,999 big people to see someone like yourself is discouraging."

Billy Barty, a Hollywood entertainer 3 feet tall, was named chairman of the fledgling group.

Midgets and others interested in the Little People of America idea may write or telephone Johnson at WAbash 2-3904, or write Barty in care of the Riverside Hotel in Reno.

Luz Potter 'Child' Star for 20 Years

By BOB THOMAS

HOLLYWOOD, Sept. 3—(AP)—Luz Potter is a mere 48 inches tall, but for 20 years she has been growing up with movie children.

Luz is a movie stand-in and she has seen her counterparts come and go. Says she: "When I start standing in for a child actor, I wear flat shoes, then I graduate to high heels. As the child keeps growing, I stand on blocks of wood, then a two-step riser. That's as high as I can go, and I start all over again with another actor."

She started all this in 1939. With vaudeville dead, she gave up a dancing career to try the movies. She found out the studios needed her.

"They like to have adults stand in for the children," she remarked. "We little people can take the hot lights better than children. And we can work an eight-hour day, while children have to go to school for three hours."

COME AND GO

And so she has been a parade of performing tots . . . Margaret O'Brien . . . Gigi Perreau, then her sister Jeannie . . . Natalie Wood . . . Sherry Jackson . . . her best break came with the "Father Knows Best" series. She had five years of standing in for Elinor Donahue and Lauren Chapin until both outgrew her.

Now she's starting what might be another long-range assignment. She's stand-in for Jay North, the cute tyke who plays "Dennis the Menace" in the new Screen Gems TV series.

What does she think of her young counterparts?

"I've always had good luck with them. I haven't seen any of the movie brats you hear about. They've been nice children, perhaps a bit brighter than most. It always amazes me how they come out of a big scene with lots of dialogue and go right to work studying their school work."

LEG INJURIES

Luz is dark-haired and nice-looking, the wife of a missile calculator a head taller than she. When you're seated and

talking with her, you scarcely notice her size. Only the doll-like voice gives her away.

She used to do stunts in films, but does little since an accident in "The Rains of Ranchipur." She suffered serious leg injuries while doubling for a child who was supposed to be swept away in a dambreak.

She has done occasional parts, her latest being "The Incredible Shrinking Man." As the hero lost his size, he sought her advice on how to adjust to being a small person. Here's her own view:

"People ask me if I use small furniture and so forth. I don't. I simply adjust to a bigger world. My husband and I live in a normal house. The sink and stove are normal height; I use steps to reach them. All our friends and families are normal size.

"It was my father who taught me the best lesson. I was one of 10 children in El Paso, and my brothers and sisters were always helping me. My father told them to stop.

"My younger brother didn't understand. He asked my father if he didn't like me. My father said he loved me, but perhaps the family wouldn't always be around to help me. He wanted me to learn to be able to live by myself. He was very wise."



WEDDING BELLS — Jo Ann Kaltreider, 4'4½", and Bill Norvelle, 4'7½", were joined in marriage in the chapel of the San Fernando Valley unit recently. Both are Goodwill employees and members of the Little Peoples' Organization. Attending are Miss Aileen Henderson and Ray Rickards, Bill's supervisor. Reverend Carl Miller, chaplain, performed the rites. *Some of*

COLLECTION BOOTHS are now conveniently located in over 300 shopping areas throughout Los Angeles County. More than 70,000 bags of repairable clothing to create jobs are deposited in these booths each month.



*These Pictures were
Taken at the very
First Convention
at Reno Nevada.
1957.*



A LITTLE SQUIRT—Bill Albaugh, national representative of the soft drink firm Squirt and known as "Little Squirt," pours some of the sparkling beverage for Marjorie Bourassa as some of 500 members of the Little People of America here for their national convention take time out for some fun at a local casino. Albaugh's wife, Maria, and Hollywood stunt-man Harry Monty are on box, while at left is Jerry Maren, known as "Little Oscar," and partly hidden at right is Dan Turner, vice-president and next national president of the Little People. (SUNfoto)

Little People Hold Business Parley Today

About 500 members of the Little People of America, gathered in Las Vegas for their national convention, will hold their first business session today at a Strip hotel.

Employment opportunities for people handicapped by small size will be the major topic of discussion at the conclave by members of the association, which is limited to persons who are under four feet nine inches in height.

The delegates also will elect one man and one woman as "Mr. and Mrs. Lillyput of America" during the convention, which will run through Thursday here.

Persons from all walks of life make up the Little People of America, which is headed by President Billy Barty, TV and movie actor who currently is playing in the Peter Gunn TV series and has been in various movies, notably "Midsummer Night's Dream."

Dan Turner, national vice-president of the association, is slated to become Barty's successor as president.



LITTLE PEOPLE ARRIVE—Woody Cole, Las Vegas constable who stands six foot r, is shown giving Billy Barty, Los Angeles, three feet eight, a lift into waiting Volkswagen bus as a group of the little folk arrived on a flight from Los Angeles. Barty, president of the Little People of America, is presently being featured on the Peter Gunn TV series, and welcomed some 250 little folks from all parts of the country who arrived in Las Vegas for a four-day session, their first national convention, at the Hacienda Hotel. Others shown in the picture are Little Oscar from Los Angeles, center, and Ivan Tueselink from Glendale. (SUNfoto)

BILL PROVES SMALL SIZE NO HANDICAP

Size doesn't bother Bill Raecke, 24, of 1002 L St., Lincoln, Neb.

Bill stands just four feet seven inches tall and weighs 85 pounds.

He arrived in town yesterday to attend the first annual convention of the National Association of Little People of America and to visit with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Young, 1307 Exley Ave., Las Vegas.

Mrs. Young is superintendent of nurses at Sunrise Hospital.

Though he has to look up to do it, Bill stares life full in the face.

"I figured that out long ago when I stopped growing as a kid and faced the problem of living a productive life in a tall world or sitting in a corner with a chip on my shoulder.

"I decided never to refuse to try anything because of my size.

"I've never had reason to regret my decision."

He received a B.A. in speech in 1959 from the University of Nebraska, working his way through school at the university's television station.

Looking back on his college experiences he tells about the shock his first roommate at Nebraska got when he opened the closet door in their room before they met.

As Bill laughingly relates, "Hanging there were my short jackets and trousers and on the floor my small shoes. My roommate dashed off to see the registrar, demanding to know what kind of joke was being played on him."

Bill now works as production assistant at the university television station, serving as director, cameraman, actor, writer and producer. He also works part time in a music store, selling all types

of musical instruments, radio, TV and stereo sets.

He is the son of the late Walter R. Raecke of Central City, Neb., a long-time member, before his death in April, 1960, of the Nebraska legislature and two-time Democratic candidate for governor.

Bill attributes his happy adjustment to a problem which has long discouraged others to the fact he was raised by parents who treated him just like other children in the family.

His mother continues to live in Central City.

WORLD'S FIRST PITUITARY BANK ESTABLISHED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA MEDICAL CENTER

SAN FRANCISCO—The world's first pituitary bank has been established at the University of California Medical Center here. Its chief purpose is to obtain an increasing supply of human pituitary glands for treatment of children stunted by a deficiency of J. J. Hutchings and W. C. Deam—done by Dr. Li, who with his co-workers isolated five of the six known pituitary hormones. At the same time, other hormones will be extracted for use in important new researches. Four children are now being treated with growth hormone from donated pituitaries will be purified of growth hormone by Drs. R. F. Escamilla, Dr. Escamilla, who directs the Pituitary Bank, While U.C. day's treatment for one patient. Growth hormone, even if widely orders (pituitary dwarfism and er death. affecting a small yet significant number of children, growth hormone has markedly increased height. Donors to the Pituitary Bank will sign an advance authorization for removal of the gland after death.

Day and Night

By DWIGHT NEWTON

EISENHOWER PRESS CONFERENCE . . .

President Dwight Eisenhower's Wednesday press conference was filmed for TV and will be shown on KQED (Channel 9), tonight, 7 o'clock. It's the first in an Eisenhower press conference series presented by The Examiner as an informative public service for viewers.

THE BAND THAT PLAYS FOR FUN . . .

The new "Spike Jones Show" is a carnival of wild fun.

It's jam-packed with hearty laughter, swift changes of pace, pretty girls, good music, corny music, funny music (but never bad music) all wrapped up in a red hot half hour following "\$64,000 Question" and preceding the "Phil Silvers Show." (Channels 5 and 10, Tuesdays, 7:30 p. m.)

Some people say, "Oh, that crazy Spike Jones; can't stand him." Some people should get acquainted and get happy.

Spike crazy? Haw! He's a mild, quiet little imp who sometimes seems so weathered with worry you feel you could blow him over with a breath. But this spindle-shanked chap is a shrewd entertainer and a master at timing, the all important ingredient in variety type showmanship.

He knows how to build laughing reaction with absurd and/or dramatic contrasts. He loves music and he loves money and he makes money by having fun with music.

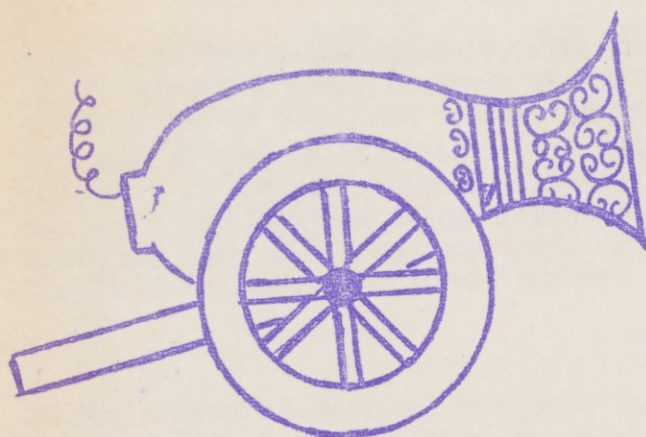
His permanent performers are laughing landmarks in American humor. You may cringe at pipsqueaking George Rock's kiddie imitations but if you don't heehaw at Freddie Morgan I'm sorry for you. A furiously funny oaf is Freddie.

There's Billy Barty, the midget mimic, and Gil Burnell and there'll always be slim, svelte, torchy Helen Grayco, account she is Mrs. Spike.

For this series, Spike has added chesty Corky Hale who was Liberace at the Cow Palace if you remember—and who can forget! She plays the harp, plays the piano and plays the scenery safely by wearing six straps to hold up her dress.

Spike's opener ran like so: a bandstand number . . . shapely Miss Grayco singing a calypso piece . . . Freddie Morgan doing a dialect bit . . . solid guest chirping by Gordon MacRae . . . a four piano interlude with Corky as anchor girl . . . novelties by George Rock and bouncing little Billy Barty at a midget piano . . . and "four of your favorite songs—until now" with the band that plays for fun.

Here, for a change, is a new series we can



NEWS LETTER
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The approaching Glorious Fourth is busting out all over with explosions of information.

Billy Barty reports that he has received the following letter from Mr. Taylor of the Hacienda Hotel in Las Vegas in reply to the National Convention.

Dear Billy:

Mr. Bayley is very happy to offer you the same deal that you had last year. We welcome you back with open arms.

Please let me know how your plans go so that we can prepare for you and your group.

Sincerely,

Dick,
Manager
Hacienda Hotel
Las Vegas, Nevada

Such news augurs well for both the economic and pleasurable side of the forthcoming sojourn in Las Vegas.

With a view of scheduling conventions alternately between East Coast and West Coast sites, Billy Barty has been working feverishly to try and get the convention back East. However, in view of the apparent inability to secure accommodations and concessions in that area comparable with those offered by the genial and considerate management of the Vegas hostelry, it was deemed advisable to accept the generous Hacienda arrangement and schedule the dates of November 27th thru 30th as convention time.

The possibility of securing Hacienda flights from Chicago is being explored, and it is expected that information developed pertaining to this will soon be forthcoming. Among other convention particulars is the provision being made for Hacienda flights by delegates from such points as San Diego, Los Angeles, and San Francisco. A baseball game is scheduled to be played between East and West Coast contenders, and admission thereto is to be allotted to the purpose of aiding Easterners in financing their obviously more extensive travel. President Barty has expressed the hope that this plan will prove to be feasible.

MEET IN WASHINGTON, D. C. JULY 21-22-23

An Eastern Regional Meeting of The Little People of America is slated for July 21st thru 23rd inclusive in Washington, D. C. for the purpose of discussing such matters as mutual problems and the convention in Las Vegas. Reservations for this meeting may be

made, with five-dollar deposit, with the local District Chairman or by writing direct to Mr. Robert Hinkson, Chairman of the Eastern Regional Meeting. Reservations include single rooms at \$6.00 and doubles at \$8.00 per day, exclusive of meals which may be obtained at reasonable prices. The Eastern constituency is emulating their Western confreres in certain respects. A baseball team has been organized and will play against a local little league formation. These baseballers are known as The Eastern Bantams, which is a very cute name. Another feature of this Eastern meet will be The Music Man starring Forrest Tucker. Tickets are available at \$4.40 per person.

CONSTITUTION SET

At the request of National President Dan Turner, the constitution was transmitted to him for approval and signature by himself and other officers. In order to expedite finalizing it was determined to have the constitution and The Little People of America incorporated in the East rather than in California. The Little People of America is now duly incorporated in the Fine State of Indiana as a non-profit organization. There now remain for resolution certain minor matters such as the classification of the membership. Only those who are paid up may vote in crucial decisions. Those who have not paid are in another classification. As a reminder now, pay your dues.

MEMBERSHIP UPSWEEP

Newcomers are constantly acceding to membership in District No. 12, comprising of California and Nevada. According to the latest census in this area of interest, nearly 150 persons are affiliated. It is conceivable that this burgeoning state of increase makes this the largest district in the entire organization. Included on the roster of new members are as follows: Bill Norvell, Butch Wilhelm, Ryan Hoving, David Rojas, Tommy Stalnaker, Dorothy Miller, and Marjorie Russell. District No. 12 salutes these fine new members!

SPORTS BEAT

I COVER BASEBALL:

It is gratifying to report that the Hollywood Shorties remain undefeated. This champion status has been achieved and is maintained by the fine spirit and coordination which is exhibited by the various players. The last game held Billy Barty struck out seven men. Paul Castle and J. C. Schlais hit home runs. Jerry Maren, Andre Bourse, Herb Kinzel, Gene Henderson, Ivan Teeselink, Maury Alden, George Spotts all contributed to a smashing victory. David Rojas, Butch Wilhelm and Bill Norvell are a welcome sight to the team. Tommy Henderson did his usual good job as bat boy. Included on the agenda of the undefeated Shorties is a game scheduled for the 4th of July at a time and place to be announced by Jim Chirco.

I COVER BOWLING

Congratulations to the bowling team!

These very able bowlers triumphed over the big people by winning three games in the pioneer league in Monterey Park Lanes, cheered on by the little supporters. High-scoring players were J. C. Schlais with 191, George Spotts, 172; Jerry Maren, 171; and Billy Barty with 156. A new recruit, Paul Castle, is rapidly improving his game. This team bowls every Tuesday night at 9:00 pm in Monterey Park Lanes, Atlantic Boulevard south of the San Bernardino Freeway.

I COVER GOLFING:

Billy Barty won third place low net in the Montebello Invitational Golf Tournament. He shot scores of 92 and 94 for the 36-hole affair, missing by only three strokes the coveted first place. He is exceedingly modest about his scores last year in the World

Invitational Golf Tournament, where he won first place low net. Among the contenders who are giving Billy some serious competition are Jerry Maren and Nels Nelson.

SOMETHING TO DO FOR YOU

Among the activities of general participation is the picnic to be held on June 25th. Anna Dixon will mail notices of this event to be held at the Avenue 64 Playground, adjoining the Pasadena freeway. Picnickers are requested to bring their own food. Fun will be provided in the form of sack races, dunking for apples, horseshoe and golf chipping contests, and a softball game between the boys and girls. There will be door prizes as well as those for all the games. Herb Kinzel and Maury Alden are making the arrangements and promise a gala affair.

COMMIT AND COMMITTED

The engagement of Doris Bennett to Ted Finn is hereby joyfully announced. Iris Gooden of Tennessee, and Nevilly Dean were happily nipped by nuptials. On June 3, 1961, Luana Shelton became the bride of Herb Kinzel. Some fifty guests attended the reception held in their new home following the ceremony. Sincere and hearty congratulations to all these fine disciples of matrimony!

WEINER BAKE COMING UP IN JULY: BE PREPARED

HELLO THERE.....HOW ARE YOU.....AIN'T HE CUTE

NOW GIT!

A "Git"! card to Nanetta Anderson at will help her do just that. Also, some rooting for Fulvio Perenti in his nine-yard-line scrimmage with a diet will help. Think of the cheers when you reach the goal post, Fulvio! You can do it!

EMPLOYMENT PARADE WORK A MILE OR SO!

Herb Kinzel and Kathy Dupee may be seen in the mile or so of montage in the film "Teddy Bears". Angelo Rossitto is working as a stand-in for the Bob Hope picture "Batchelor in Paradise". Harry Monty, the stunt man, is currently working in Oregon on the film production "The Way the West Was Won". Mile or so, or no, Paul Castle is expected to yield up with a great gimmick of sorts. Billy Barty recently completed an assignment in the Rawhide Series. So look, comes September, on "The Incident of a Prairie Elephant". Shirley Bolingbroke has been promoted by Kinny Advertising Company. Not merely Shirley, but a very fine artist. Jerry Maren and Billy Barty recreated some of the past during one of Ralph Edwards' programs, This Is Your Life. In honor of the guest of the evening, Dave Chasen, noted restaurateur of Hollywood, they re-enacted a stunt in which they collaborated some 13 years ago on the occasion of a stag party for Jimmy Stewart. Not such a weary mile was trod and otherwise enjoyed by a scintillating little group following the Dave Chasen epic. Among those present were Jane Wyman, the Fred MacMurrays, the Pat O'Briens, Charlie Ruggles, Alfred Hitchcock, and Norman Taurog. If Jerry avers that it was a mile worth working and waiting for, even/it did occur at night! If you have, or assume, believe that you do, any theatrical talent, it is suggested that you contact Billy Barty, inasmuch as there are plans afoot which would conceivably aid the Little People of America.

~~Further plans will be the same.~~

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Isadora Caron will be the recipient of a pin on the occasion of the Corps of Engineers picnic on June 16th in recognition of ten years of service to the Government. Visiting was all agog when Margaret Pellegrini called upon Luana Shelton. And the accordion was dusted off when Jerry Maren contacted Fulvio Ferenti. Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Austin are vacationing in Canada and report that there is a lot up there and all wonderful.

The complete roster of officers resulting from the last election is as follows:

President - Billy Barty
Vice Pres. - Shirley Bolingbroke
Corresponding Secretary - Anna Dixon
Recording Secretary - Isadora Caron
Sgt-at-Arms - Jerry Maren

Change of Address & New People address

Mr. & Mrs. Herb. Kinzel (Luana Shelton)
6848 N. Agnes
North Hollywood, Calif.

Mr. & Mrs. Dwain Mitchell
8902 Randolph
Riverside, Calif.

Doris Bennett
808 E. Manchester
Inglewood, Calif.

Maurice Alden
12620 Lakewood Blvd. Apt. 2
Downey, Calif.

Mr. & Mrs. Stan Erb.
935 E. Washington Blvd.
Escondido, Calif.

Ryan Hoving
1502 Cotner Ave.
West Los Angeles 25, Calif.

Danny Frias
1142 Garnsey
Santa Ana, Calif.

Bill Norvell
1292 Minebla
Pacoima, Calif.

Please let us know when you have change of address.

LUMINOSITY OF THE MONTH

It being concurred in that, on one hand, each one has a personality but that it is luminosity which counts; and on the other, that Bob Brower's suggestion of personality of the month is a good one, there is detailed below the salient and luminous parts of the life of none other than

BILLY BARTY

It is fitting that this initial study in luminosity be in the form of a coverage of the life of Billy Barty, accredited as the founder of The Little People of America.

Billy was born in Millsboro, Pennsylvania on October 25, 1924. The family is comprised of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Barty, Billy and two sisters, Evelyn and Dolores. Mr. Barty is six feet tall and Mrs. Barty is 5'4". His sisters are around 5'4". Billy stands 3'10" and weighs 85 pounds.

The Barty family moved to California when Billy was three years of age for reasons of his health. This was in 1927. Shortly after arriving here, Billy and his father were strolling down a street where a motion picture was in production. Mr. Barty asked Billy to stand on his head. This caught the eye of the director who thereupon enrolled him in motion picture work. During the initial years of his acting career, Billy, appeared in more than 120 films and worked with ^{many} of the stars.

During the course of his career, Billy and sisters formed an act, while his father managed the act his mother concerned herself with the care of the family. Extensive travel ensued. In the medium and ambiance of "showbusiness", they toured the United States and Canada. Billy sang, danced, and played the drums. After nine years of making the circuits of show business, his parents decided to establish themselves in a permanent residence in order that Billy might complete his education. During his tours, he was privately tutored.

In 1942 the Bartys quit showbusiness and Billy entered Mar*Ken Professional School, which functioned in behalf of children engaged in motion picture work. Graduating from high school in 1943, Billy entered Los Angeles City College and, while there, became outstanding in athletics. He was, in turn, Athletic Public Relations Director, Sports Editor of the college paper, and earned the distinction of winning his letter in football and basketball, in spite of his stature. Billy graduated from Los Angeles City College in 1946, but retraced his steps there to engage in Athletic Public Relations work. In 1948, he enrolled at Los Angeles State College where he made his letter in basketball.

During this time, the blood of showbusiness began to boil in his veins, and erupted in a decision to team up with Jerry Maren in a vaudeville act. Unfortunately, vaudeville had become the dying gladiator of the American entertainment world. Terminating their vaudeville act, Billy engaged in television bits. At length his break came when he did a children's show for NBC. This show was moved to New York in 1950, thus separating for the first time the closely-knit members of the family circle.

While in New York, he appeared on the shows Jackie Gleason, Frank Sinatra, and Steve Allen, and worked with Fred Waring. Further recognition came when he played in a David-and Goliath production for the late opera singer, James Melton. So favorably impressed was Mr. Melton by Billy's work, that he retained him for 16 consecutive months during which one show a week was staged. When the James Melton show went off the air, Billy turned homeward toward Hollywood where a consummate difficulty was posed in the matter of obtaining work. How could he secure a spot on TV when all the

shows were being telecast from the East?
1952

In 1952 Spike Jones caught Billy's act and hired him. Thereupon commenced an association which lasted six years, and Billy recalls that his tour of Australia with the troupe was genuinely memorable.

In 1955 Billy and some of his little-people friends of Hollywood assembled on occasion for purposes of mutual interest and concern and, on other occasion, played baseball. As these rendez-vous of little people became better known and appreciated, he and Anna Dixon cooperated in an effort which involved the convoking of meetings and the conducting of dances.

At length, Billy received a telephone call from an interested party in Reno, Nevada who inquired concerning the existence of a national organization of little people. He replied that this was a matter in which he was deeply interested but that there was a certain deterrent to a national gathering by reason of the distance and finances involved in the travel of eastern delegates. The Riverside Hotel in Reno, the interested party, offered to provide quarters available to little people without charge and to provide them with meals at half price. The organization of The Little People of America had its inception in this matter. Although the particulars of convoking little people were impossible of determination, Billy assumed the financial responsibility involved in the travel of two other little people and himself in order to insure a West Coast representative. Out of the misadventure caused by the sudden defection of one individual from the party by reason of work commitments and Billy did a TV show one night, and the next morning took the plane to Reno where he met and conferred with 27 people, representing nine states of the Union. Among those present at that time and well known to the present membership were National President Dan Turner, National Secretary Luana Shelton, and National Treasurer Robert Hinkson. These were the individuals who, Billy was convinced, would lead the little people forward into an effective, national organization. His confidence in them has been amply justified.

Certain difficulties of convention siting were on the occasion of a change of management of the Riverside Hotel. It was not until three years later that the problem of convention siting was resolved through the timely intervention of an old friend, Norman Yoshpa, manager, as everyone now knows, of the Hacienda Hotel. The great incentive accorded to The Little People of America by this encounter with Mr. Yoshpa is a matter of record.

Billy Barty continues to promote the best interests of The Little People of America. An example of his activated concern for the welfare of little people is found in the case of a six-year old Allen White of Burbank who was refused admission to the first grade of one of that city's schools. Such refusal was based upon nothing more than the boy's physical proportions - two feet in height and weighing twenty-four pounds. Billy Barty conferred with both the boy's parents and the Burbank Board of Education as well as the Medical Center, which agency was interested in the child's status. Billy became, in effect and in fact, the mediator between the parents of Allen White and the Burbank Board of Education. He listened to both sides of the question as presented by the two opposing parties, and reasoned with them that both had valid arguments but that the ultimate decision would have to be made by the boy's parents. Billy Barty's position in this was to contribute a mutual understanding between the Board of Education and the child's family. In the person of a man who is motivated by the desire to contribute to mutual understanding in such areas as Burbank school matters as well as those of larger civic, national and international import, The Little People of America, have at once in Billy Barty a champion, a friend, an exponent of equality before the bar of competence, and one who is eminently qualified for the prize of the high title of "Luminosity of The Month"

Isadora Caron

THE WORLD OF LITTLE PEOPLE

by LLOYD SHEARER

LAS VEGAS, NEV.

HAVE YOU EVER in your wildest dreams imagined yourself a midget?

Suppose you were only 3 or 4 feet tall, what sort of tiptoe life might you lead in this out-sized world of ours?

How would you drive a car? How would you reach the phone in a telephone booth? Where would you find adult clothes to fit you? How could you reach a counter in a cafeteria, a ticket booth in a theatre, a newsstand on the street corner?

A few weeks ago approximately 200 midgets and dwarfs gathered here at the annual convention of their association, The Little People of America.

They came together to inspire and encourage each other and to acquaint the public with their special problems.

According to the little people themselves, there are about 3,000 midgets and dwarfs in North America.

To them, a midget is a correctly-proportioned miniature copy of a man or woman of normal height. Most midgets vary between 3 and 4 feet in height.

Dwarf is a term applied by midgets to misshapen little men and women who are not correctly proportioned, although science groups all adults under the height of 4 feet 11 as dwarfs.

Midgets dislike being classified as dwarfs. At this convention they appointed a special "dictionary committee" to contact dictionary publishers throughout the world. They want the publishers to offer a more accurate definition of the word "midget." Most dictionaries now define a midget as "a very small person—see 'dwarf'."

What bothers most little people, both midgets and dwarfs, are the so-called normal people—persons like you and me.

Complains Bill Barty, 3-foot-6 actor who often works on the *Peter Gunn* TV show: "The average person regards us not as human beings with individual mentalities and skills but as freak playthings. Women pick us up and sit us in their laps. They pat us on the head and say, 'Aren't you a cute little darling.'"

"We don't like being treated as children. Among us we number actors, brokers, accountants, designers and machinists. And yet in most cases we are being discriminated against because of our size. People won't hire us for jobs we are qualified to perform because we're little."

Bob Brower, a midget from Des Moines, Iowa, who owns interests in three supermarkets, disagrees with Barty.

"We can't expect the world to adjust to us," Brower says. "We have to adjust to the world. Many little people won't do this. On the one hand they say they

want to be treated like everyone else. On the other hand they ask for special privileges.

"For example," Brower continues, "at this convention they've passed the following resolutions:

- "Half-fare on planes, trains and buses for little people.

- "Half-price meals, also lower cafeteria steamtables 'so we can see what we are buying.' Also, members of the Culinary Workers' Union should notify its members to desist from addressing such remarks as 'What will you have, Sonny?'

- "Some shoe manufacturer should create midget-size shoes at reasonable prices, thereby freeing us little people from the high price of custom-made shoes.

- "A committee should meet with and importune the telephone company for phone booths reachable by 4-foot persons. The phone company should also include glass paneling in the lower portion of phone booths, so when a little person is making a call, a big person will not be trying to step inside.

Midgets Are Made

"What we need from the public," Brower contends, "is not special privilege or special equipment but understanding born of knowledge. Most people don't know that any man or woman may be the parent of a midget.

"Except in very rare cases, midgets aren't born. We're made. We're the result of faulty gland-functioning. Generally, an under-functioning pituitary gland produces a midget. Other glands like the thyroid and gonads are also involved.

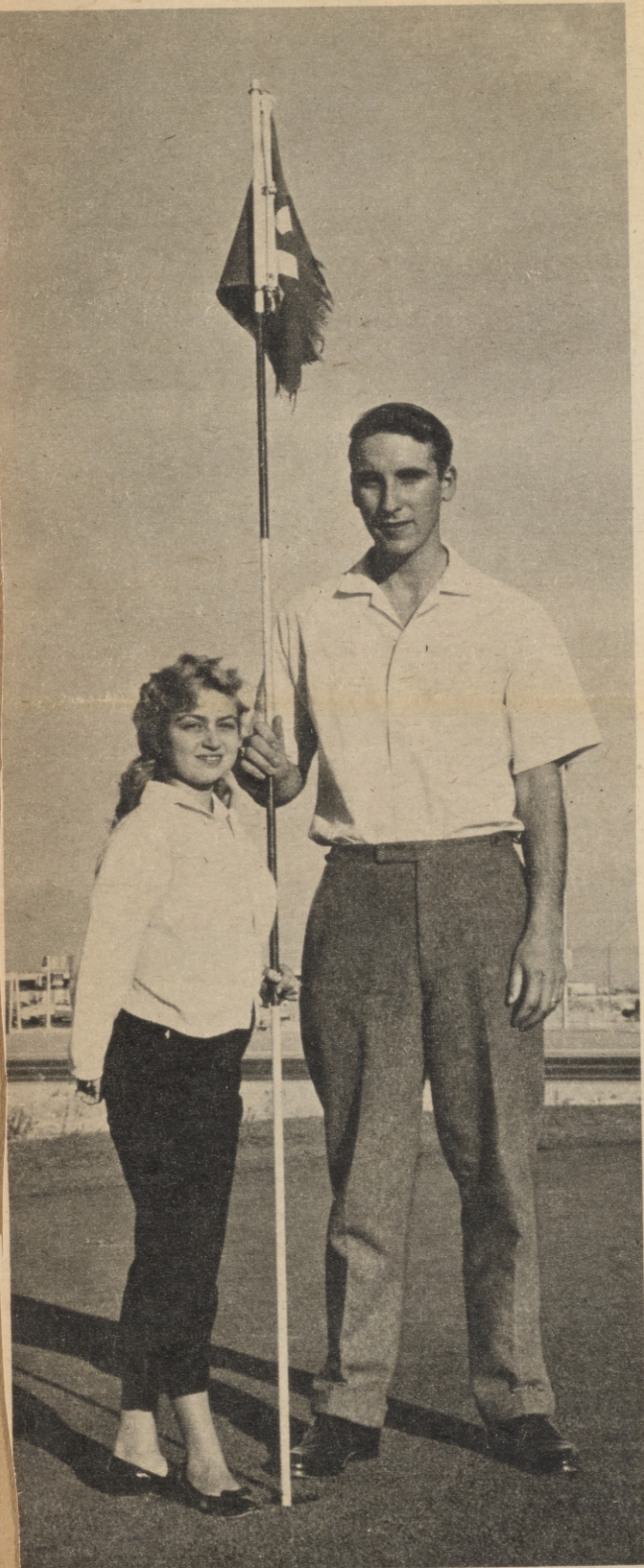
"In my own case," Brower reveals, "I was a normal baby at birth. I think I weighed 7 or 8 pounds. I was the second of seven living boys. My father, a farmer from Mexico, Mo., is 5 feet 8. My mother is 5 feet 1. I'm the only midget in our family.

"I stopped growing normally when I was 4 years old. I was then 3 feet 5 inches tall. By the time I was 16, I was only 3 feet 11.

"The worst part," Brower recalls, "is that my parents never realized there was anything wrong with me. They thought that sooner or later I'd start to grow and catch up.

"The first person who realized I was too short for my age was my high school principal in Vandalia, Missouri. He was a diabetic who made periodic visits to the Barnes Hospital in St. Louis. He brought my plight before the Vandalia Business Men's Club, and they paid for my first visit to Barnes.

"At the hospital they gave me shots of pituitin for three years. I started growing again after the treatments stopped. From age 18 to 25, I grew 11 inches. That's another thing people don't know about midgets. Our bone-ends do not close or ossify so that after 30 we can still grow several inches. Sometimes we can



Married couple: Ruth Spiering, whose parents are also midgets, poses with husband Dick, who stands 5 feet 10. About 50 per cent of midgets in U.S. marry persons of normal height.



Group here is a portion of the 200 midgets and dwarfs who showed up at Las Vegas, Nev., recently for annual convention of the Little People of America.

even outgrow our midgethood. I'm now 4 feet 10 and 33 years old. My wife is 4 feet 2.

"We have two adopted children. Insofar as I know we're the only midgets in the world who've been allowed to adopt normal children. As you probably know, midgets do not beget midget children. The children of midgets usually outgrow their parents before they are 9 years old."

Several midgets I interviewed here revealed that practically all midget mothers are delivered via Caesarean section. They are usually reluctant to bring babies into the world.

The reason for this is that whether one or both parents are midgets, the overwhelming odds—there are only a handful of exceptions—are that the children will be normal. And while normality and conformity bring happiness to a child, they invariably mean heartbreak to the midget parents.

The Daughter's Dilemma

"It's so very hard to describe," one little woman told me, "how I felt while my daughter was growing up. I prayed that she would grow tall and pretty and charming. And yet deep down inside I knew the day would come when she would be ashamed of me and her father, because we are midgets and different, and in the eyes of her schoolmates that would make her different, too."

"Well, my daughter grew up. She's 5 feet 6. But how that girl suffered. I remember the first time she brought a beau home and introduced him to us. He tried not to show it but he was shocked. He stopped going with her after that."

"Today my daughter is married to a very prosperous oil man in Texas or Oklahoma, but we never see her. She told her husband she was an orphan. The poor child was afraid that if she ever told any man the truth, she'd never get married. Her father and I understand and forgive her."

Most little people blame their parents for their mal-

adjustment to society. "My childhood was the most miserable one in the world," one dwarf confided to me. "My parents kept me hidden. If we were driving from one town to another and a car was passing us, they'd make me duck down. They were completely ashamed of me. They made me feel despicable and unwanted, and I can't remember how many times I contemplated suicide."

"I think practically every midget or dwarf when he first realizes his affliction, his handicap, is filled with such shock and despair that he starts to think of suicide. Only in cases where the parents are intelligent and understanding do midgets grow up with a relatively good chance to adjust to society."

One such well-adjusted midget is Frank Delfino of San Diego, Calif., whose midget daughter, Ruth, was the most beautiful little woman at the convention.

The son of Italian-American parents, Frank was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., some 50 years ago. He weighed 8 pounds at birth, enjoyed a normal, healthy infancy until he was 6. Then his growth lagged. His parents made him eat larger portions of food. When this did no good, they took him to the family doctor.

Specialists were consulted. They prescribed pituitary extracts. But at 13, Frankie was as tall as he had been at 5. He was 3 feet 8 inches tall.

Fortunately, the Delfino parents insisted upon treating their son as if he were a normal youngster. When Frankie said he wanted to try out for the football team at Brooklyn Technical High School or to play shortstop on the neighborhood baseball team, they told him to go ahead and do his best.

Over the years, Frank's friends and schoolmates came to accept him. He even won a varsity letter as a high school cheer leader. Frank's parents gave him violin lessons. He developed into an excellent musician. Surrounded by a family that exuded warmth, love and sympathy, Frank succeeded in adjusting physically and mentally to a world he never made.

In 1934 he came to Chicago as a violinist at the

World's Fair. There he met Sadie Williams, a midget who was working at a candy exhibition. By that time Frank had grown to 4 feet. Sadie was 3 feet 10.

They were married in Minneapolis in 1937. And seven months later a daughter, Ruth, was prematurely born to the couple.

Against the Odds

Ruth weighed 5 pounds 12 ounces at birth and measured 18 inches. "But even so," Sadie Delfino avers, "I knew instinctively that the baby was a midget. In many ways I was thankful because I knew it would be easier to raise her. There is only one other family I know of, the Clifton family in Austin, Tex., in which a midget mother had a midget baby."

Last July, Ruth Delfino, 23 years of age, 4 feet 3 inches in height, was married in San Diego to Richard William Spiering, 21, 5 feet 10 inches tall, of Monticello, Minn.

A beautiful woman, blonde and hazel-eyed and perfectly proportioned, Ruthie says, "I had the most wonderful childhood. My parents worked for the Curtis Candy Company, and as we traveled around the country together, we were such a closely-knit family, we were together so much of the time, that I never realized my parents or I were smaller than other people."

"I never felt strange even when I went to Woodrow Wilson Junior High. My first realization that I was a midget came in my junior year at Herbert Hoover High in San Diego. The teachers began asking me various medical questions about my background. They tried to find out why I was so small. It was only then that I realized I was different."

"The trouble with most parents who have a midget child is that they either place the child in show business or keep him hidden at home. In both cases the child begins to feel like a freak. My parents raised me perfectly. I'm a good secretary, if I say so myself, and I think I'm a pretty good wife."

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THE STAFF AND MANAGEMENT OF THE HACIENDA HOTEL WISH TO
EXTEND THEIR WARMEST GREETINGS TO THE

"LITTLE PEOPLE OF AMERICA"

CONVENTION PROGRAM

Monday, November 28

1. REGISTRATION for convention in Lobby
2. REGISTRATION for your room at front desk.
- 4:00 P.M. 3. CHAMPAGNE PARTY in the Palomino Room
- 6:30 P.M. 4. BUFFET DINNER in the Palomino Room
5. Congregate in Lobby for transportation to the New Frontier Hotel for the COCKTAIL SHOW, as guests of Mr. Warren Bayley. (Adults only)

Tuesday, November 29

- 11:00 A.M. 1. FIRST BUSINESS MEETING in the PALOMINO ROOM
 - A. Invocation
 - B. Salute to the Flag
 - C. Introduction of Officers
 - D. Review program of Convention
 - E. New Business and Old Business
 - F. Think of persons you would like to nominate for Mr. and Mrs. Lillyput.
- 2:00 P.M. 2. First Round of Golf Tournament on the Hacienda Golf Course. (Girls to act as official scorekeepers)
- 8:00 P.M. 3. SECOND BUSINESS MEETING in the PALOMINO ROOM
4. After this meeting there will be dancing in the Hacienda's "Jewell Box Lounge" (until Dawn)

Wednesday, November 30

- 11:00 A.M. 1. Second round of Golf Tournament on the Hacienda Golf Course. (Women Prepare for Fashion Show)
- 2:30 P.M. 2. FASHION SHOW in PALOMINO ROOM
(Beverages of your choice will be available)

LITTLE PEOPLE CONVENTION

NOVEMBER 28 THRU DECEMBER 1, 1960

PRESIDENT	BILLY BARTY
VICE-PRESIDENT	DAN TURNER
SECRETARY	MRS. LAUNA SHELTON
TREASURER	ROBERT HINKSON
WESTERN REPRESENTATIVE:	
	MRS. ANNA DIXON
EASTERN REPRESENTATIVE:	
	MARION VAN HARKEN

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE WILL CONSIST OF ALL OFFICERS.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

FASHION SHOW OFFICERS:	LAUNA SHELTON
	ANNA DIXON
	MARION VAN HARKEN

GOLF CHAIRMAN:	ROBERT HINKSON
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TALENT CO-ORDINATOR:	BILLY BARTY
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MIDGET RACES:	OFFICIAL STARTER
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GAMBLING ADVISOR:	JERRY MAREN
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IF YOU WISH TO SERVE OR PARTICIPATE ON ANY COMMITTEE, CONTACT ABOVE PEOPLE.

3. RACE OF CHAMPIONS on the Hacienda 1/4 Midget Race Track.
6 to 8:00 P.M. 4. Break for the Evening Meal
8:30 P.M. 5. MEETING and TALENT SHOW in the Palomino Room
6. After the TALENT SHOW you will be FREE to seek whatever pleasures you may desire in Las Vegas.

Thursday, December 1

- 11:00 A.M. 1. FINAL BUSINESS MEETING to INSTALL NEW OFFICERS and CONCLUDE CONVENTION
2:00 P.M. 2. SOFTBALL GAME

END

FROM YOUR EDITOR

According to the last report from our Vice-President, Bob Brower, District 12 is the largest District of the Little People of America, Inc.

Would you believe that we have 231 Little People in our District. The actual breakdown according to the latest census is 49 Little Littles, 45 married couples and 92 single people.

As the largest district of the L.P.A. we all should feel proud. But, the amount of people active are always the same. The faces are the same. There are a number of people who we would like to know better. We would like to see you more, and we would like to have you all come out to the parties, picnics and pleasure trips.

Those who become active know who I am not talking about. What you receive from your district, or what you can give to your district, is strictly up to the individual person or persons.

If you cannot attend all the affairs, drop us a note once in a while so we know what you are doing. We have had people who have not continued their active part because of various reasons. We are all in this organization to become a part of this organization. People are able to do specific jobs and if you are interested in a specific job let us know. Nothing runs real smooth, so, participate with the knowledge of work and maybe rough going. After all, a dress doesn't come out of the washer right, it has to be ironed out.

Just remember this, what you have received is more than you can ever give. Keep this in mind when you tackle a job. Thank God you wake up in the morning and go from there.

BOB KANTOR WRITES:

The District 12 roving ambassador, Bob Kantor sends his best from the San Francisco Bay area where he attended a meeting of the Bay Chapter.

Bob travels so much for the L.P.A. that we wouldn't be surprised to get a card from him in Alaska.

DISTRICT 12 MEETING:
LOS ANGELES

The Los Angeles Chapter of District 12 was called to order. The roll call was taken surprise visitors from the San Francisco Bay area was added to the list. Hilda Lange, Mr. and Mrs. Bob East, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Vercellino, and Fluvio Parenti drove all night to attend the meeting. Such spirit and enthusiasm by the San Francisco Bay area group cannot be described with enough adjectives.

Billy Barty read the minutes of the last meeting and it was approved as corrected.

A complete financial report of District 12 was read. It was suggested that the financial report appear in the next newsletter.

Laina Kinzel acted as recording secretary following the resignation of Isadora Bohman.

Mr. Barty gave a report about the trip to Asheville, North Carolina. The Lance Air Service will have a DC-6 airplane. No specific deadline has been made for reservations. The reservations have been slow and we hope the people will respond soon. The price of the round-trip ticket is \$119.10. The originating point is Los Angeles with a stop in Amarillo. Approximate flying time from Los Angeles to Asheville, North Carolina is 9 hours.

We hope that reservations will be made soon. KITCHEN COMMITTEE:

The airline needs 95 people to go, otherwise, the flight and price will be cancelled. Other alternatives of Bus and Train were met with disapproval because of the time element. The bus fare is \$105.00 round trip. Joe Vercellino investigated the flight situation in his area but stated he could not meet the price of \$119.10. Floyd Dixon is checking prices and also stated that the price quoted him was above the Lance Air Service.

The San Francisco Bay people discussed their meeting and the warmth and friendliness expressed proved the Bay Area to be an active and growing chapter. They have meetings on the first Saturday of each month. They have local dues to pay for parties of their choice. The meeting place is in different homes. Barty thanked the Bay area for their unending efforts.

New business was discussed and Dorothy Henderson was appointed to head the Kitchen Committee. The duties of which are to plan and seek suitable places for parties, to collect monies in order to meet expenses, to set projects of various types and create more participation for unactive members.

Volunteers were received with open arms. If you want to participate on the Kitchen Committee call Dorothy Henderson, FA 1-5545.

The mailing list was asked about and Launa Kinzel and Anna Dixon said they are compiling a new list. It should be in the hands of everyone in the near future. Requests for addresses was made, so, if your address does not appear to be correct, blame yourself and send Anna Dixon your correct address.

Barty complimented the staff on the last newsletter. It was passed by the previous staff that the newsletter was to be published quarterly. Any news or articles suitable for publication will be welcomed. Bob Kantor of San Diego Chapter and Hilda Lange of the San Francisco area are acting reporters of their respective territory. Billy Barty will handle the newsletter for this quarter.

Barty apologized for the meeting lasting two hours. Meeting adjourned.

Dorothy Henderson was appointed to head up the Kitchen Committee for the Los Angeles Chapter. The Kitchen Committee will plan parties and select a place. Those on the first volunteer list were Beverly Teeselink, Doris Finn, Shirley Barty, Isadora Bohman, Georgia Rossitto, and Laun Kinzel. Iris Dean and the wives wish to extend a thank you to their husbands for being in the kitchen.

OPEN THE KITCHEN DOORS:

The Kitchen Committee's first party of the year was held at the Highland Park News Meeting Room. More than 35 L.P.A. members attended.

The music was furnished by Otto Bohman and his 33-1/3 Stereophonic Record-Player Orchestra.

Everyone contributed enough food to almost serve the National Convention. The women out-did themselves in preparing dishes to fit a gourmet. The men filled in with their food to complete a buffet table suitable for the Conrad Hilton!

Dancing and conversation sparked the affair. Aileen Henderson and Terry were asked to draw the door prize. Isadora Bohman was busy all evening selling mucho tickets to those anxiously waiting to win the five foot lamp which was presented by McMahan's Department Store to the Kitchen Committee.

The Coup de Gras of the evening was when Little Terry, looking in the opposite direction, reached into a ticket filled jar and pulled out her own number. Her mother was hesitant and did not want to take the prize but was voted down unanimously.

Dorothy Henderson thanked everyone and the party was adjourned. Those who did not attend the party can feel sorry for themselves because we don't. We had a good time.

KITCHEN COMMITTEE IN THE CHIPS:

One of the projects of the Kitchen Commit-

tee is to help fill the Kitchen. A request was made for Blue Chip books. Elizabeth Rogers, Ralph and Jewel Petty, Otto and Isadora Bohman, Ivan and Beverly Teeselink, Mrs. E. Eyissitt, Miss Brenda Billings, Mrs. Yvonne Boursee, Shirley and Billy Barty, and Dorothy and Gene Henderson contributed the first books. Results, a beautiful thirty cup perculator for brewing fresh coffee. Send a Blue Chip Book to Dorothy Henderson, 14930 Dublin, Gardena, California.

WE WANT TO THANK.....

The following contributions were made to the Kitchen Committee and L.P.A. members. Attend the Parties and win!

FOX MARKET

Rosecrans and Van Ness, Gardena
Five \$1.00 gift certificates

BOYS MARKET

Van Ness & Redondo Beach Blvd., Gardena
Plastic Forks and Spoons

SAV-ON DRUGS

Gardena
\$5.00 service casserole & carton of Dixie cups.

HAL CARLSON'S CHEVRON STATION

220 W. Compton Blvd., Gardena
Brake adjustment, plus chasis lube and Oil change.

FOOD GIANT

Crenshaw and Compton Blvd., Gardena
100 paper plates. Chocolate bunnies for Little Littles Easter Party.

McMAHON'S DEPARTMENT STORE

147th and Crenshaw, Gardena
Five foot table lamp won by Little Terry
\$24.95 value

PATRONIZE THOSE WHO PATRONIZE THE L.P.A.

BOB KANTOR (San Diego Chapter)

Robert S. Kantor writes letters from Phoenix, Arizona, San Francisco, and San Diego. A letter he wrote recently is of interest because it shows his sincere efforts for the Little People of America, Inc.

Besides organizing the San Diego area, making headlines and TV appearances in San Diego, Bob was approached by a Dr. Vanderloan and asked if he would submit himself for research. Bob Kantor agreed immediately in order to help all L.P.A. members.

Mr. Kantor spoke before twenty-six doctors. His topic was about his own experiences and about other Little People he has known for years. His lecture lasted about an hour. Then, he answered many questions.

Following the question and answer period Mr. Kantor submitted himself to every type of tests and many X-Rays. He was put on a diet of Black Coffee and lost 25 lbs.

Bob writes: "I only hope that what I am doing will, in years to come, help the Little People, that is my prayer".

This is not a personality of the month article, but Robert S. Kantor deserves that title unchallenged.

BOHMANS ENTERTAIN.....

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Bohman opened their doors for a party honoring the San Francisco visitors following the last District 12 meeting. Food and beverages were supplied by local Little People who attended the get-together. Isadora Bohman cooked Lasagna as the main dish.

DWIGHT KINDOLL

Drop Dwight Kindoll a note to get well at the California Lutheran Hospital. The address is: 1414 So. Hope Street., Los Angeles, California

Buster Rosmondo is at Saint Vincent Hospital at 2131 West Third Street, Los Angeles.

J.C. SCHLAIS ASSUMES POST (POMONA)

J. C. Schlais, acting vice-president for District 12, will assume the District Chairman office during the absence of District Chairman, Billy Barty.

Barty is headed North for at least a month

to work in the Damascus Fair. He will be visiting the Portland area during his stay.

In Bartys absence all dues and mailing will be, as always, handled by Anna Dixon. Launa Kinzel will act as Recording Secretary.

A NOTE FROM YOUR SPORTS EDITOR (GLENDALE)

A skating party was held as scheduled, March 25, 1962 and we hope everyone who attended had a "skating good time". Yours truly put in an appearance but had to hurry home to care for our "tonsil-less" Arlin. You with children can appreciate the problems of obtaining the services of a baby sitter, at times.

We appeared at the door of the rink long enough to pick up from J.C. Schlais the tricycle that has somehow become the "Community property" of the Littlest Littles.

It is a 10" trike that is built quite low and wide for easier balance and less distance from the seat to pedals. If we understand it right, we think that the Hendersen children were the original riders of it in the Little Littles. There is another child, after Arlin, in the group waiting for it, so, after him the line forms to the right.

Signed,

Ivan D. Teeselink

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NEWS FROM OTHER DISTRICTS

Asheville, North Carolina
Dan Turner writes that they are having a meeting to set plans for the National Convention and assign jobs. The City of Asheville is behind the L.P.A. 100% and they hope to receive many contributions from city organizations.

Seattle

The Seattle people are planning several days of fun at the World's Fair. Shirley Berg, George Alexander and Dallas Ziska co-ordinate District 11. Write to them for any information you need. Date is June 16th, Everett, Washington.

Avon Lake, Iowa

Bob Brower opened the lake and club house for the Little People of America members of District 9. Dale Pullin had a party in March. Charles Bedow, District 9 Chairman, has over 120 members and is the second largest district of L.P.A. Congratulations, Charles on the great job.

District I

Marjorie Bourassa, District I Chairman is planning a get together June 24th in Fitchburg Mass.

Georgia Peaches

Francis Conville, District 4 Chairman keeps us informed of her many activities.

DISTRICT 12 WISHES TO THANK THE ABOVE DISTRICT CHAIRMEN FOR INFORMATION RECEIVED AND THE MAILING LISTS YOU HAVE SENT. WE WOULD APPRECIATE A MAILING LIST AND NEWS FROM ALL DISTRICT CHAIRMEN. IT SOUNDS LIKE THE DISTRICTS ARE JUMPING WITH ACTIVITIES WHICH IS FOR A BIGGER AND BETTER L.P.A. ORGANIZATION. AGAIN, THANKS AND IT IS GREAT TO HEAR FROM OTHER DISTRICT CHAIRMEN AND BE INFORMED.

SINCERELY,

BILLY BARTY,
CHAIRMAN

BE AN ACTIVE MEMBER !

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES?

DISTRICT 12 FINANCIAL REPORT
1962

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DISTRICT 12 FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1962

CORRECTED AND APPORVED STATEMENTS

Membership:

Little Littles	49
Married Couples	45
Single People	92
TOTAL	186

Total Number of Little People 231

Paid up Members:

Singles	21
Married Couples	16
TOTAL	37

Total Members Paid:
(Includes single & married) 53

FINANCIAL NEWS

MONIES ON HAND AFTER 1961 \$51.50

MONEY COLLECTED FOR DUES:

January	\$ 70.00
February	20.00
March	22.50
April	80.20
May	32.50
TOTAL	\$225.20

DONATIONS: Mrs. Hughes \$5.00
Elizabeth Rogers 1.00
TOTAL \$6.00

EXPENSES

40% Paid to National Headquarters
for five month period \$90.00

MONIES SPENT FOR LOCAL:	Jan.	\$ 8.28
	Feb.	12.60
	Mar.	31.82
	Apr.	11.82
	May.	9.18
TOTAL		\$73.70

Present Dist. 12 Money on Hand \$179.92

YOUR OFFICERS OF DISTRICT 12 ARE NOT CHARGING PHONE CALLS, TRAVELLING EXPENSES, OR HOURS THEY HAVE WORKED. OUR HEARTS ARE OPEN FOR WORK, NOT YOUR MONEY FOR WASTED EXPENSES. THIS IMPLIES ALL DISTRICT 12 WORKERS. THIS NEWSLETTER AND INFORMATION SHOULD BE KEPT FOR YOUR FILE, WHETHER YOU ARE A PAID UP MEMBER, ACTIVE, NON-PAID OR NON-ACTIVE. THIS IS THE LITTLE PEOPLES ORGANIZATION, FOR ALL LITTLE PEOPLE.

SAN FRANCISCO AREA NEWS....

The Bay Area group of Little Folk held their first picnic June 3rd in Redwood Canyon in East Oakland. Mary Jane Carlino was in charge of the Food Poanning and did we have plenty of goodies to eat. We were delighted to have Isadora and Otto Bohmann and Mr. Dohert Kanter for our guests. We all had a wonderful day and such a good time

We now have three new members in our group.

Hilda Lange had part of her vacation in Arizona and went to visit Margaret Pelligri and Earl Warr. The Arizona group is coming along very well. Mr. Robert Kanter also visited in Albany and San Francisco - He has now returned to San Diego.

The next area meeting of the Bay Area group will be held July 7 at the home of Robert Shoemaker, 309 Ross Street in Antiock, California. The Baseball team of Bay Area has been practicing as much as possible. We all for a good south and north game real soon.

Greetings from all of us in the Bay Area.

BAKERSFIELD AREA....

They had their first meeting in May. They had 14 Little People at Mr. and Mrs. Marion Nichols home. In case you live close to the please contact them and they will be glad to help. Their address is 5725 Pembrook Ave., Bakersfield, California.

LITTLE PEOPLE OF AMERICA, INC.
DISTRICT 12

A N N U A L P I C N I C

SATURDAY, JULY 28, 1962

12 NOON Until ? ? ?

WHERE? Avenue 64 Park

DOOR PRIZES

GAMES

&

GAMES FOR THE KIDDIES

GIRLS WILL PLAY AGAINST THE BOYS BASEBALL TEAM !v!

Bring your own Picnic Basket. The food will all be spread out Buffet style. This will better help us all get acquainted and meet those we haven't.

Let's make this the biggest event of the year. Those from distant places should get in touch with members in the Los Angeles area for lodging. It has been expressed by several members they would be more than happy to furnish a place to stay for out-of-towners. Listed below are a few you may wish to contact:

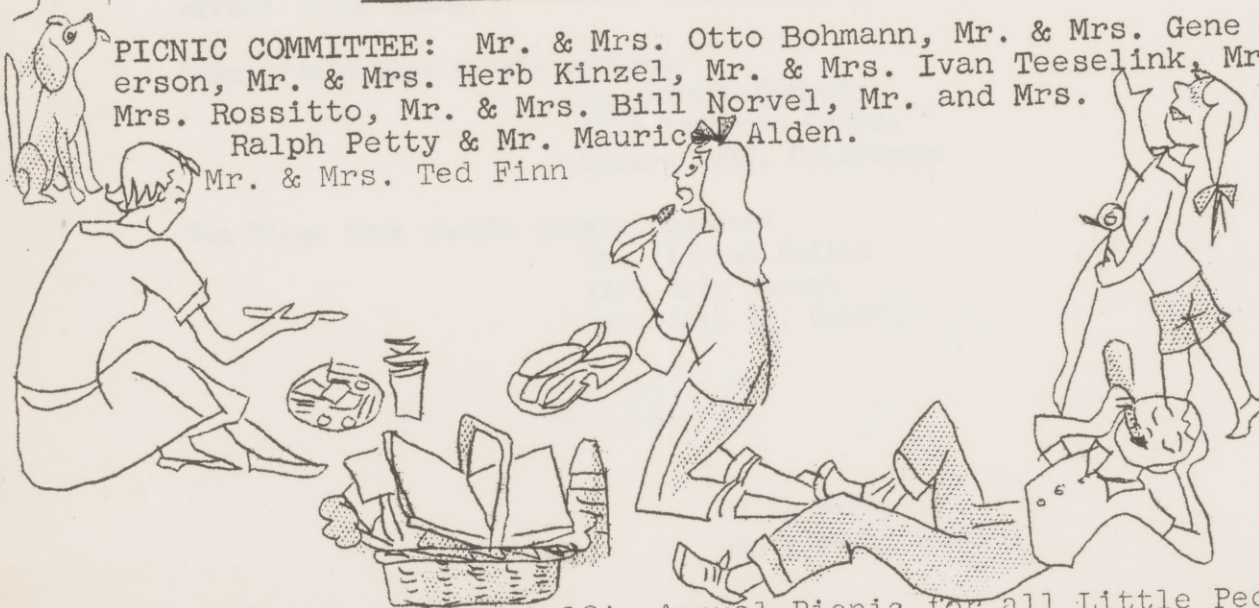
Mr. & Mrs. Gene Henderson; Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Petty; Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Dixon, Mr. & Mrs. Herb Kinzel, Mr. & Mrs. Ivan Teeselink; Mr. & Mrs. Rossitto; Mr. & Mrs. Bill Norvel; Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Petty & Mr. Maurice Alden. and Mr. & Mrs. Otto Bohman.

GETTING TO THE PICNIC FROM LOS ANGELES:

Take the Pasadena Freeway to the Marmion Way & Ave. 64 Turnoff. Keep right. The picnic ground is about 200 yards from the freeway turnoff. Wood stoves are available for cooking.

BRING YOUR KINFOLK AND LETS ALL GET ACQUAINTED

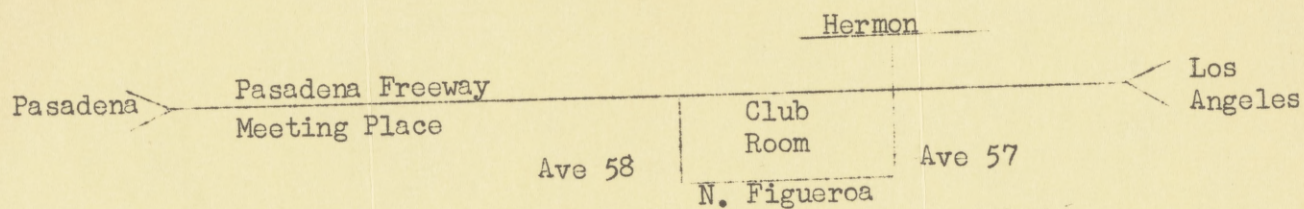
PICNIC COMMITTEE: Mr. & Mrs. Otto Bohmann, Mr. & Mrs. Gene Henderson, Mr. & Mrs. Herb Kinzel, Mr. & Mrs. Ivan Teeselink, Mr. & Mrs. Rossitto, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Norvel, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Petty & Mr. Maurice Alden.
Mr. & Mrs. Ted Finn



REMEMBER - This is District 12's Annual Picnic for all Little People in our District & their families. So set aside SATURDAY, JULY 28th for this special event and don't fail to come! Fun & good fellowship will be had by all.

LITTLE PEOPLE OF AMERICA, INC.
4502 Farmdale North Hollywood, Calif.

MAP OF MEETING PLACE



HIGHLAND PARK PRESS, Ave 58 and N. Figueroa St.
SATURDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 13, 1962 - 7:15 P.M.
Rear Bldg. on Avenue 58 - Club Room

Little People of America, Inc. Dist. 12
Final MEETING before National Convention

WHEN - Saturday - October 13, 1962
TIME - 7:15 P.M. - SHARP

If you want the meeting to start on time - BE ON TIME.

Now is the time to come forth and speak your mind.

It is imperative that all Little People in District 12 attend this meeting.

San Francisco Bay Area Meeting will be Saturday, October 6, 1962
Time - 7:15 P.M. at

Mr. & Mrs. Bob East Home
3807 Brookdale Avenue
Oakland, California

We have lots of News, new Business and old Business. Lets try every effort to be there.

Bakersfield area people contact:

Mr. Marion Nachols
5725 Pembroke Avenue
Bakersfield, California

San Diego area people please contact:

Mr. Vincent Vellas
4475 Ohio Street
San Diego 16, Calif.

Billy Barty
District Chairman

LITTLE PEOPLE OF AMERICA, INC., DISTRICT 12

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District 12 Meeting, Los Angeles, Sept. 8

In the absence of Mr. Billy Barty, President, the meeting was called to order by Vice President J. C. Schlais. The roll call was taken and consisted of 34 in attendance.

Mr. Schlais introduced the guest speaker for the evening, Dr. Wight, Orthodontist, from Orthopedic Hospital, Los Angeles. Dr. Wight is engaged in a research program of achondroplasia. He stated the reason for this research was to try to determine some problems and causes in achondroplasia and try to find some form of treatment. In order to carry out this research program, Dr. Wight needs a group to volunteer for x-rays of the head. The x-rays would be taken at our convenience. All information relative to these x-rays will be kept in strict confidence. Cards to be signed by those interested in volunteering for these x-rays were passed out.

Mr. Schlais stated that Dr. Wight had been contacted and invited to our meeting by Mrs. Beverly Teeselink. Doctor Wight was thanked for his interesting and informative talk and invited to stay for the remainder of our meeting. He stayed for a short while and then excused himself.

Reading of the minutes of the last meeting had been published in a newsletter and so was dispensed with at this time.

The Financial Report for District 12 was given by Mrs. Anna Dixon as follows:

Balance on hand 8/1/62	\$ 182.00
Expenses:	
40% of dues to National	7.00
Postage-Mailing	8.25
Balance 8/31/62	<u>15.25</u>
	166.97

Since there were no corrections or additions, it was moved, seconded and carried that the report be accepted as read.

Mrs. Dixon read the National Financial Report. It listed:

Receipts	\$ 1,278.85
Cash Disbursements	65.00
Check Disbursements	<u>717.86</u>
Balance 7/31/62	495.86

The Kitchen Committee report was given by Mrs. Dorothy Henderson who reported that monies brought in was as follows:

Pot Luck Dinner	18.75
Lamp Raffle	13.25
Picnic Stool Raffle	12.85
Expenses:	
Raffle Tickets	5.90
Prizes (Mrs. Finn)	2.50
Stool (Mr. Petty)	3.00
Eggs (Mr. Alden)	.75
Cash on Hand	<u>32.70</u>

Dorothy Henderson asked about acquiring advertisements for the District 12 Newsletter and was referred to Mr. Barty. She also stated that an 8 gallon milk can

had been donated to the Kitchen Committee by Mr. Ralph Petty. This can will be used for drinks at Little People gatherings.

It was announced that the plane deal to the National Convention was called off due to lack of reservations. Mrs. Dixon received ten answers to the questionnaire sent out and none were going.

Mr. Schlais stated the attendance at the picnic was disappointing. There were, however, more new faces than usual which is very encouraging.

It was suggested that everyone get out and contact a weak member in order to build up the attendance to our meetings and social functions. It was stressed that it should be everyone's personal job to contact other Little People and encourage them to participate in our activities.

Mrs. Bohmann, speaking for Mrs. Rossitto, brought up the subject of having informal gatherings of adults, both small and large, to discuss problems and solutions in the rearing of "Little" children. Mrs. Rossitto's home was offered as a meeting place. The first meeting is scheduled to be held September 28.

It was announced that Mrs. Anna Dixon had been appointed by Mr. Barty to be in charge of sending flowers and a sympathy card when there is a death in the immediate family of a Little Person. All others wishing to be more personal should do so on their own.

Mrs. Dixon stated that in the near future a letter to all school principals in Los Angeles County would be mailed in hopes of locating more Little Littles.

Mr. Schlais stated that only paid up members are eligible to vote. It was also stated that as a gesture of respect for the National Convention, there should be no district parties during the month of the National Convention.

Mr. & Mrs. Keffer, parents of Billy, were introduced.

Mr. Barty sent his apologizes for being unable to attend the meeting.

There being no other business, motion was made by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Mr. Teeselink, and unanimously carried, that the meeting be adjourned.

Coffee and donuts were served following the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Launa Kinzel

WHAT CATEGORY DO YOU FEEL REFERS TO YOU? ? LOOK IN THE MIRROR!

1. Do you respond to District 12 Newsletter?
2. Do you attend Meetings?
3. Do you attend social Parties?
4. Are your motives Selfish?
5. Do you let your personal arguments interfere with L.P.A. duties?
6. Do you quit when things do not go your way?
7. How many times have you volunteered?
8. Do you appreciate the efforts of your officers?
9. When you have a complaint have you ever contacted your President?
10. Have you been a goodwill ambassador to the L.P.A?

I could add a few more but it seems that 10 has always been enough. There are many who do not fall into the above category so I will apologize, but it is something to read over and think about.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED

I see by the roster we are gaining new members who we welcome. There are many who I haven't had the pleasure of meeting and I am looking forward to it very much.

NORTH VS. SOUTH - SAN FRANCISCO ACTIVE

No, this is not a civil war or anything to worry about, but the San Francisco area has organized a baseball team and next year will challenge the Hollywood Shorties.

Hilda Lange reports that the bay area continues to be active. It does District 12 good to have this territory and all their busy people. They now are going to have a bowling team. My hat is off to our neighbors up North.

Pat Murray has been made Historian for the San Francisco area, and if I don't have any opposition I would like to appoint Pat as the official Historian for District 12. If anyone has any pictures, write ups, or history about our District please send your information to Pat. I hope that Pat accepts this office with our warm appreciation.

Pat wrote a prayer for her San Francisco club and I would like to reprint it in our newsletter.

A PRAYER FOR THE LITTLE PEOPLE

Heavenly Father, with abundant gratitude, may each of us in the Little People's Club thank Thee for our organization. Bless us and give us the Wisdom and Courage to always seek Thy guidance in the eternally important things of life. May we have Thy sacred gift of sharing our Blessings and kindle our hearts with the love of Jesus, that we may be warm with compassion for those less fortunate than ourselves. Heavenly Father, bless our Little People's Club to a long, happy, useful existence, and especially bless all our Little Littles.

We ask all in Jesus' name, AMEN

Patricia A. Murray

SAN DIEGO

Congratulations are in order for our roving ambassador, Robert Kantor, for being honored in our National Newsletter. His sincere interest is known throughout our organization. The Little People in San Diego can be proud to have him as their representative.

BAKERSFIELD

Marion Nichols has kept the people in Bakersfield active. He and his wife Betty are really wonderful supporters to the interest of all Little People.

J. C. SCHLAIS

My thanks to J. C. Schlais for taking over the meeting during my absence.

TWO MONTHS - TOO LONG

It is good to be back in California after spending two months in the Portland, Oregon area. Our trip was wonderful and thanks to Dallas Ziska and his lovely wife Martha, it made our long trip short. We met most of the members in his District and they all treated us nice. Shirley and I visited the home of Shirley Berg and spent a wonderful day along with the Ziskas. Infact, it seemed as though we spent most of our best times with Martha and Dallas. On behalf of my wife, I openly want to thank them. The people in this area are really friendly and it was a pleasure meeting them.

BOB BROWER VISITS

District 12 had the honor of having the Vice President of L.P.A. visit our District. I regret that I did not have a chance to see him. His visit was with the Ralph Petty's and according to reports he had a wonderful stay. Bob and his lovely wife and family have moved to Arizona and we would like to welcome them out West.

YOUR CHAIRMAN HAS MOVED

I hear that the Carlino's have bought a new home, well, your District Chairman is also in the same boat. Shirley and I have really had our hands full since our return from up North. We are now living in North Hollywood, and actually we have been here for about a month. Our address is 4502 Farmdale Avenue. I appreciate those who move for the first time. It is work and time consuming.

EDITORIAL

The 1962 National Convention is just around the corner. One more meeting is scheduled for October 13. This notice has already been sent out and it is an important meeting because if you don't attend, then you have no argument. If it is impossible because of distance, then please write to me. This is a must meeting for every Little person in District 12. Each Newsletter has had a full report of the happenings in the L.P.A. I appreciate the efforts of the people who are really active and continue to go all out for the organization. Like I said, please try to make this meeting. If you live too far and have a question please write to me.

WHO IS TO JUDGE?

This past year there has been too many decisions made without authority. Too many people have made themselves judge, jury and executioner. Have you people forgot that there is a District Chairman? If you cannot reach him by phone, write a letter. I have tried to answer and formulate conclusions to all problems brought to my attention. But that is the problem - I become the last person to hear of any problems or questions. Then the damage is done. Being your leader in District 12, I cannot take sides regardless of who the person. My decisions must be for the good of all Little People in District 12. Thank you.

FLIGHT CANCELLED -- HOW DO YOU TRAVEL

It embarrasses me to report that the flight we were to charter to Asheville, North Carolina has been cancelled due to the fact that we could not fill the plane to the capacity needed for the rate. I have written in the newsletter many times asking people who are going to attend but have not received many answers. I am afraid that not too many people will be attending from District 12. I realize the money problems and conditions that prevail in our District which definitely differ from others. But as a last minute plea, How many would like to go by bus? If we could get 30 then we could stick together. Please answer before October 15. Round trip ticket \$100.00. This does not include meals. In the event I do not hear from you then I hope to see someone at the convention.

1963 PLANS

Would you believe that 1963 is just around the corner. We are going to plan some activities in the first or second month that will be of interest to everyone in District 12. You will have plenty of time to plan so keep this in mind. I want you to make notes of things you would like to discuss, points you would like to know.

THANKS FOR PHOTOS

I would like to thank those who have read the newsletter and have sent in their 3 x 5 photos as requested. It helps to fill our book that we are having made. We hope that none of you will be left out, so please cooperate.

EZRA DANE is really an active person. Besides participating with the Football players he is doing shows for the Muscular Dystrophy. Ezra apologizes for not coming to meetings but hopes to see everyone more next year. The L.P.A. of District 12 are really proud of his doings. Thanks for sending in your reports.

ROVING AMBASSADOR

Bob Kantor is now in the East. He has been visiting many a people and writes he is visiting old places and good Friends.

NEW ARRIVAL

Mr. & Mrs. Dwain Mitchell were blessed with a bouncing baby boy July 26, 1962. Congratulations to the Mitchell's and we hope to see them out soon.

BAY AREA NEWS

On July 7 the Bay area group held a meeting in Antioch at the home of Robert Shoemaker. We decided to hold a raffle selling tickets at a quarter or three for fifty cents. Three prizes are donated by members. This all helps our treasury.

We had a visiting guest, Marilyn England from Burbank, California. Also a new Little Little, Linda Costilla.

The Nino Carlino's spent a week in Oregon for their vacation.

Al Stickney plans a week in Alaska.

We have our baseball team practice every Friday night. The ladies watch and then serve refreshments at the home of Elsie East. At the last practice, the gals played among themselves and unfortunately, Elsie was hit by a bat and suffered a deep cut over her left eye and had to be taken to the hospital for three stitches to close the gash - She is doing nicely now.

Our meeting of August 4th was held at the apartment of Al Stickney who lives in San Bruno. He was elected our treasurer. We had a fine group together and had a wonderful time. We are always delighted and glad to have our music for dancing played by Fulvio Parenti.

The September 8th meeting was held at the home of Hilda Lange in Albany.

An August 12th picnic was planned.

We have two new members, Mike Lipsky and Kenneth Williams.

Greetings to all members of the Little People of America from the Bay Area.

NEW FACES

Our District 12 Annual Picnic brought out several new faces, not new to all of us but many a day since seeing you. They are Margaret and Clyde Hocker; Marie and Dwight Kindolls; Mr. & Mrs. Mewhart and Jo. Margaret and Stan Erb; and Linda Hinkston. Come on out again real soon. Also, John and Diane Low with their daughter came to the picnic.

Georgia Rossitto reports that Angie is now playing in Dallas, Texas and would love to hear from all of you. (Those interested in writing, send a note to Georgia for his address.)

EARL WARR from Arizona spent the Labor Day weekend visiting several families in District 12. He reports that L.P.A. is growing in and around Phoenix. With the Browers, Margaret Pellegrini and Earl, all very active members, working in that District, I'm sure much will be done toward building a stronger L.P.A. there.

JUST A THOUGHT

This Is Success: To be able to carry money without spending it; to be able to bear an injustice without retaliating; to be able to do one's duty even when one is not watched; to be able to keep at the job until it is finished; to be able to accept criticism without letting it whip you.

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LITTLE PEOPLE OF AMERICA OF DISTRICT 12

946 North Normandie
Los Angeles 29, Calif.

Dear Little People of America:

Some time ago the particulars listed below regarding transportation to the National Convention were mailed to you.

1. We charter a DC 6, four engine, radar equipped, pressurized airplane.
2. Round trip fare per person, with originating point from Los Angeles Airport and Amarillo, Texas, including meal at regular hours, only \$119.10.
3. Those people who wish to leave the Los Angeles Airport may do so. The date, October 28th. The time to be designated later.
4. We leave Los Angeles and land in Amarillo, Texas.
5. We pick up people in Amarillo.
6. Next stop, Asheville, North Carolina.
7. Only one big parent to a Little Little.
8. No reduced rate for Little Littles because the rate is based upon the overall fare as individual tickets cannot be sold.
9. Approximate flying time from Los Angeles, Amarillo, to Asheville is 8 1/2 hrs.
10. We leave Los Angeles October 28th, arrive back November 2.

This is a chartered airplane, and this price is based upon the fact that we need 95 little people to sign up in order to get the plane.

Time is drawing near for the National Convention of Little People of America, Inc., at Asheville, North Carolina, October 29th through December 1st. It is imperative that we know whether or not you are planning on attending. The Airlines have set a deadline of September 29th for reservations so we must know your answer by September 15th.

Please each of you complete the enclosed card and return by return mail so we might have everything arranged with no last minute rush or disappointment to anyone. Return the enclosed card by SEPTEMBER 15, 1962.

Billy Barty

Little People of America Inc. District #12

DECEMBER EDITION

December 12, 1962

Dear Little People of District 12,

The year is quickly coming to an end. As I look back during my two years as your chairman, I always want to look at the last year as the best.

I really feel that this year of 1962 has been a trying year with many implications. But, I also feel that we are headed in a direction that will eventually surpass the trials and errors bestowed upon me.

A look at the roll call surprises me how and what we have accomplished. New members, organized Committees, new chapters that have meant hard work.

With everyone co-operating in 1963, we can continue to work hard, disagree, argue, but with the sole purpose of a better and bigger District 12 Little People of America organization.

Sincerely,

Your Chairman

Billy Borty

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The fourth National Convention of the Little People of America has come to a close. But our Royal Ambassador Bob Kanter was the only one present from District 12. The reasons were valid. Yet, we, of District 12, should feel that we were present because of the fact that all Little People of America are for all Little People of America. If this feeling does not exist, then we should all go our own way.

In any organization there should be arguments, concern, approval, disapproval. But the conclusion should be for the best. Who is to decide this? Your National Officers and leaders of the L.P.A.

Mr. Dan Turner can take off his walking shoes and put on his slippers. He served the Organization the way he felt was best. Dan is a charter member from 1957 and his heart has always been, and I know will, continue for the L.P.A. Many things have come before him in the last two years. This is only natural when everyone is concerned about our organization.

Now Mr. Dan Turner and his officers has stepped from their positions. The convention in Asheville, North Carolina, proved to be a success. We must respect our new officers and the L.P.A. Bob Brower and Bill Albaugh are proven material. I speak of the National Organization in our District Newsletter because it is the districts who comprise the National Organization.

The National officers elected is published in the National Newsletter. All members should serve them well. We of District 12 wish them the best for a bigger and bigger Little People of America.

DISTRICT 12 MEETING. NOVEMBER 24, 1962.

Thirty people attended the final meeting of 1962 of the Los Angeles chapter in District 12. The reading of minutes, treasurer report, and committee reports were suspended. President Billy Barty made two short announcements. January 26 meeting will be held at the Plumber Park playground at 7:30, followed by Square dance lessons and party. February 9, L.P.A. members will be guests of Lawrence Welk Show, 3:30, A.B.C. Television at Prospect and Talmadge. Jerry Austin moved, and Ivan Teeselink seconded motion to table further discussions because of honored guest. Motion passed.

Bob Brower, newly elected President of L.P.A. gave a report of the National Convention in Asheville, North Carolina. His words were encouraging as he reported a great success and fun was had by all. He stated that a budgeting committee was formed and found the L.P.A. books in order. He stated that Mr. Bob Hinkson had \$139.00 more than he could account for. Mr. Brower assured District 12 that they would be re-imbursed for money spent on 1961 National convention. In the absence of Bob Kanter, Mr. Brower presented Billy Barty with a plaque honoring him as founder and for meritorious service and past president of the Little People of America. Mr. Barty thanked the whole organization for their efforts in making the L.P.A. what it is today. Mr. Jerry Austin opened the question and answer period by asking for a quarterly financial report. Brower commented that it would involve too much paper work and assured him that most organizations only give a yearly report. Brower commented on the 28 questions District 12 submitted to the National convention. Barty asked that they be discussed later because of another guest. Mr. Jerry Maren asked about the next National Convention. Brower informed the group it would be held at the Kirkland Hotel in Des Moines, Iowa, July 29, 30, 31 and August 1. Mr. Barty thanked President Bob Brower for his informative report, and stated that District 12 will serve the newly elected officers to the best of their ability. Barty acknowledged the presence of Marcella Brower, and both received applause for their appearance. Barty also welcomed new member Felix Silla who is employed by Pacific Ocean Park.

The second guest speaker was Mr. Everett Smith. Mr. Smith was contacted by the Otto Bohmans to address our group. The members were thoroughly entertained when Mr. Smith showed over 100 slides featuring Little People in Circus Life. The meeting was adjourned, and desert and coffee were served.

Respectfully submitted
Launa Kinzel

HELLO AGAIN. COME JANUARY IT IS TIME TO PAY YOUR DUES. WE ARE LUCKY TO BREAK EVEN AND WE NEED EVERYONE TO PAY DUES. PAID MEMBERS RECEIVE THE BENEFIT OF KNOWING WHAT IS WHAT AND WHO IS WHO IN OUR ORGANIZATION. LAST YEAR ANNA DIXON SENT OUT AND MAILED OVER 7000 SHEETS OF LITERATURE. WOULD YOU BELIEVE THIS FIGURE! WOULDN'T IT BE GREAT IF WE ALL PAID OUR DUES BEFORE THE MONTH OF JANUARY IS OVER. THE DUES ARE THE SAME. \$5.00 FOR A SINGLE PERSON; \$7.50 FOR A MARRIED COUPLE. PLEASE SEND YOUR DUES TO: LITTLE PEOPLE OF AMERICA INC., 4502 FARMDALE AVE., NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CALIF. YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD AND RECEIPT WILL BE IN THE MAIL WITHIN A MONTH.

1963 NATIONAL CONVENTION

The 1963 National Convention will be held OPEN FOR RESERVATIONS. Last year I worked like mad in getting transportation. This year I would appreciate those people who are planning to go please to contact me immediately by a post card. Then, if I get enough reservations I will get to work on trying to get the airplane. Last year very few expressed their opinion and after many hours of work it was disappointing. Drop me a card, yes or no, whether you want to or cannot make the trip. I need this information as soon as possible so I can go ahead with plans. Remember, the National Convention has been moved up, which everyone seemed happy about and wanted. Now that we do not have to worry about Christmas shopping, plan your vacation for the Kirkland Hotel, Des Moines, Iowa, July 29, 30, 31 and Aug. 1. I sincerely hope District 12 will turn out 100%.

All Notices for Meetings in Different Chapters and Special Events must be in by the 15th of each month. Because postage is going up another 1¢, all Los Angeles Chapter Committees will type their own stencils. In case you need stencils, get them from Anna M. Dixon's home.

NEW MAILING LIST NEEDED

WE WOULD APPRECIATE THOSE PAID MEMBERS, NON-PAID, ASSOCIATE, AND HONORARY MEMBERS TO SEND IN A POST CARD WITH YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER, OCCUPATION. WE NEED THIS FOR OUR FILES IMMEDIATELY. ALSO A PICTURE. PLEASE SEND TO LITTLE PEOPLE OF AMERICA, 4502 FARMDALE AVE., NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.

THE CHRISTMAS TREE

The Christmas tree has a list of names of people who are active and have contributed one way or another to the Little People of America of District 12. I really appreciated their efforts. In the event I have overlooked someone, I apologize. Let us make 1963 bigger and better and happier for all.

NEWS FOR THE NEWSLETTER

We would like each member to send in an Autobiography. Also, when you have an item of news, we would all be interested to read it in the newslatter.

ROLL CALL 1962

Ncvember 16, 1961: Doris Bennett married Ted Finn.
December 30, 1961: Isadora Caron married Mr. Otto Bohman

JANUARY, 1962

Mary Jane Sutton married Nino Carlino
J. C. Schlais voted vice president of District Number 12
Los Angeles held first meeting of year
Otto Bohman receives scholarship from De Vry Institute
Melvin Rossi married Dixie Brown

FEBRUARY

Hilda Lange Host first San Francisco area meeting.
San Francisco area elects chapter officers.
President: Joe Vercillino; Fice President: Nino Carlino; Recording Secretary: Elsie East.
Robert Kanter Host San Diego area meeting.
Billy Barty married Shirley Bolingbroke.
Jerry Austin host Miniature Golf Tournament.
Angelo Rossitto joins musical show, "Carnival."
Billy Barty visits San Francisco area.

MARCH

Los Angeles chapter has big St. Patricks Day Party.
L. A. members enjoy Roller Skating party at Hollywoodrink.

APRIL

Gigantic Easter Egg Hunt and Party given for Little Littles.
Anna Dixon promotes baseball tickets.

MAY

Dorothy Henderson heads Kitchen Committee to promote L. A. parties.
Kitches Committee host first dance and party.
Otto Bohman contributes music.
Little Littles perform.
Hollywood Shorties Baseball Team travel to Palmdale.
Shorties and guests are entertained at Royal Palms at Palmdale.

JUNE

Kitchen Committee host party and plan for future.
San Francisco group and officers travel to L. A. meeting.
Mrs. Isadora Bohman host party for San Francisco group.
Robert Kanter submits himself to Scripps Hospital in San Diego for Discussions and X-ray on behalf of L.P.A.
Marion and Betty Nichols host 14 L.P.A. members in Bakersfield.
District 12 becomes largest L.P.A. territory with membership.

JULY

Fluvio Parenti plays dance music at Bay Area meeting.
Mr. and Mrs. Duane Mitchell have blessed event.
J. C. Schlais conducts L.P.A. meeting in Los Angeles.
Robert Shoemaker host San Francisco meeting.
Bay Area form baseball team, Challenge Hollywood Shorties.
Los Angeles has Big Basket picnic, and Annual Picnic held.

AUGUST

Hollywood Shorties play ball game in Pomona - promoted by J.C. Schlais.

SEPTEMBER

Los Angeles area holds meeting.
Anna Dixon has free football tickets.
Pay Murray elected historian at Bay Area meeting.
Ralph Petty donates eight gallon milk can to District 12.
Dr. R. Wight of the Los Angeles Orthopedic Hospital addressed the Los Angeles meeting. He announced the work that is being done for the Achondroplasia type person. The District 12 members volunteered to be X-rayed on on behalf of all L.P.A. people.

OCTOBER

Los Angeles meeting held to discuss motions and questions to be discussed by general meeting and board of directors at Nat'l. Convention.
Bob and Elsie East host San Francisco area meeting.
John Abbott and Barbara Dodd announce wedding plans.
L.P.A. members of Los Angeles have surprise party for Shirley and Billy Barty in their new home.
Bob Kanter represents District 12 at National Convention.
National Convention reports great success in Asheville, N. Carolina.
Ezra Dane works for Muscular Dystrophy Campaign.

NOVEMBER

National Officers of L.P.A. elected. Bob Brower, president, Bill Albaugh, V. P. Lori Ellen Barry arrived.
Newly elected Bob Brower was guest speaker of L. A. Meeting.
President Brower commented on National Convention.
Everett Smith was guest entertained on behalf of Mr. & Mrs. Bohman and showed over 100 slides of circus life and Little People.
Georgia Rositto acted as host for the first meeting of newly formed group. Topic: How can we prepare our Little ones for society Curiosity? Chairman for this discussion was Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Henderson.
Los Angeles bowlers had a ball at Magnolia bowl.

DECEMBER

Juanita Smith host Bay Area Meeting.
Bay Area has Christmas Party.
San Francisco people go roller skating.
L. A. Chapter have second meeting of Discussion of Little Littles.
Meetings in Los Angeles area and activities suspended for Christmas shopping.
DECEMBER 25 - MERRY CHRISTMAS.

JANUARY 1963

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Jan. 6 San Francisco meeting at Chico Colla's home.
Jan. 12 Third discussion of L.P.A. members. Topic: Educational and Vocational Opportunities for future L.P.A. Chairman, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Teeselink. Host: Georgia Rositto.
Jan. 26 Los Angeles and District 12 meeting at Plumber Park.
Between Fuller Ave. in back of Georgia Rossitto's home.
Time: 7:30. Learn to Square Dance. Please make this a good turnout.
Sat., Feb. 9, 3:15 p.m. - Lawrence Welk TV program, Channel 7, American Broadcasting Company, 4151 Prospect & Talmadge Sts., L. A. (We have to have more than thirty persons for this event, so please let us know if you plan on coming. The event will have to be cancelled if there are less than 30).
Sun., Mar. 3, 1:30 p.m. - Miniature Golf, Gittelsohn Bros., 5263 Hollywood Blvd. (two blocks east of Western)
I hope to see many of you at these events.

Dear members:

In November of 1963 my office as your District Chairman will come to an end. We will have elections for new officers. I would appreciate making this year of 1963 one that will see everyone active. There are so many people I would like to thank.

I feel that two outstanding events took place. One was a silent committee that received little notice but proved to be a credit to those people involved. I am referring to Mrs. Anna Dixon who was in charge of the Adoption Committee.

The many people who heard of Anna and her work are the people directly involved. Anna sent out over 300 letters last year, 1962, in helping Little Littles and the adoption agencies. What transpired has been kept between the parties concerned. I can say that her work this past year in this capacity has been rewarding from letters I have received acknowledging the results. Until those people wish to make it known in the newsletter, I will call this the silent service of Mrs. Anna Dixon. All L.P.A. should give her a vote of appreciation.

November 10 was the beginning of a plan that has been on the minds of many big parents and small parents of Little Littles. Georgia Rossitto took the task to head and host the first meeting and all members really supported this worthy cause. "The purpose

of these sessions is to organize a group to meet once a month in the home of a L.P.A. member for the purpose of better understanding, recognizing, and overcoming the problems which are apt to be faced by a child growing up in this community who, under reaching adulthood, will be eligible for membership in the organization known as the Little People of America.

Each month two L.P.A. members or friends will volunteer to take charge of the scheduled discussion topic. However, these brave chairmen will not claim to be authorities on the assigned subjects. They will be depending on all the adults (tall or short) to bring their questions, frustrations, and all facts, facts, facts each one can gather. We hope, by joint effort to make these discussions stimulating, worthwhile, and a real contribution to the overall knowledge about a subject which scientific authorities seem to know so little, i.e. the Little Person.

This above bulletin was printed and the meetings have met with great success with all co-operating. The first topic: "How to prepare our little ones for society's curiosity," was conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Henderson. May these meetings continue to grow and get bigger with our organization.

We would sincerely like to thank Mrs. Ruth B. Michaelson, M.S., who, from her knowledge in this field has helped considerably. Let us move forward in 1963.

MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP TO THE LITTLE PEOPLE OF AMERICA IS LIMITED TO THOSE PEOPLE OF THE PETUITARY DWARF OR ACHONDROPLASSIA. NO OTHER PERSON IS ENTITLED TO BE A PAID MEMBER OF THE LITTLE PEOPLE OF AMERICA.....

Bob
Kanter
Lelia Hicks
Myrtle Trobaugh
Elizabeth Rogers
Mr. & Mrs. John Winters
Debra Dixon - David Petty
Hilda Lange - Jerry Maren
Ruth Aftergut - Maurice Anden
Johnny Albott - Vincent Vella
Virginia Geddes - Robert Shoemaker
Mr. & Mrs. Ted Finn - Mr. & Mrs. Bob East
Miss E. J. Staiger - Mr. & Mrs. Jay Tabor
Alfred Tabeek - Alfred Stickney - Chico Colla
Mr. & Mrs. Neno Carlino - Mr. & Mrs. Otto Bohmann
Mr. & Mrs. Joe Vercellino - Mr. & Mrs. Fred Blenkarn
Mr. & Mrs. Buster Rosmond - Mr. & Mrs. Albert Anderson
Mr. & Mrs. F. H. Dixon - Lola Cox - Mr. & Mrs. Teeselink
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Norvell - Bobbie Owen - Mr. & Mrs. J. Schlais
Arline Teeselink - George Rossitto - Mr. & Mrs. Marion Nichols
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Austin - Beranda Billings - Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Petty
Patricia Murray - Mr. & Mrs. L. C. Newhart - George Spotts - Bob Poe
Mr. & Mrs. Waino Johnson - Butch Wilhelm - Harry Monty - Alice Jones
Lillie Franco - Andre Boursse - Mr. & Mrs. Boursse - Ben Palmer 3rd
Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Kinzel - Sandy Starrett - Mr. & Mrs. Neaville Dean
Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Henderson - Aileen Henderson - Richard Crandall
Barbara Schlais - Mary Smith - Alan Nichols - Nancy Peterson - Stacie
Nichols - Johnnin Phillip - Estella Smith - Suanity Smith - Ezra Dame
Tommy Hughes - Bobby's Gaunder - Gordon England - Marilyn England
David Conley - William Keffer - Alan White
Mr. & Mrs. Herb Kinzel - Della Shelton
Deborah Graff
Ronnie Hackel
Evan Artran
Joyce Cohen
Brenda Lung
Larry Green

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All
District 12 Members of the L.P.A.

LITTLE PEOPLE OF AMERICA, INC., DISTRICT 12

APRIL 1963

Greetings - - - - - Hello There - - - - - Hi Everyone!

As this newsletter is being edited, our District Chairman is on tour in Jolly Ole England. Billy will be gone for about a month.

It takes news to make up a newsletter, so write and let us know what has been going on in your area and what is being planned for the month ahead.

We thank those who have paid their dues and hope that many more will be paid members before the month is over as the deadline is drawing near. LET'S MAKE APRIL OUR DUES PAYING MONTH!

According to our constitution, dues should be mailed directly to the District Chairman, otherwise our district will not receive credit.

Regardless of letters or information you might have received telling about the place and dates for the 1964 convention, it is NOT OFFICIAL unless this information comes directly from your District Chairman.

Those of you who have not been attending the Square Dances sure are missing a lot of fun. About 35 were at the Square Dance held March 23. Ivan Teeselink was the M.C. during Billy's absence and did a fine job. Plan on attending the next Square dance. FOR SURE!

Mrs. Floyd Keffer, assisted by others, took care of the refreshments.

A big welcome back was given to Angie Rossitto who was away on tour for over a year.

Virginia Geddes came all the way from Ventura to attend the Square Dance.

Our thanks to Jerry and Jean Austin for arranging a wonderful afternoon of miniature golf. It was a great turnout. Launa Kinzel and Beverly Teeselink walked off with the "Booby" prizes for exceptionally low scores!

PLEASE KEEP THESE DATES OPEN!

SATURDAY-APRIL 20th - discussion, chaired by Mrs. Gjerset and Mrs. Boursse at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Rossitto, 1137 North Fuller, Los Angeles. Their topic will be: "Does brother and sister competition come in all sizes?" Be there at 7:00 P.M.

THURSDAY-APRIL 25th-7:30 P.M. - U.C.L.A. Medical Center-discussion by Dr. Felton regarding the problems of little people. For further information contact Mrs. Anna Dixon, MA 8-3718.

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SATURDAY-APRIL 27th-7:00 P.M. (SHARP!) SQUARE DANCE - Plummer Park, East side office building, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles. Set aside the fourth Saturday of each month for Square Dancing.

Our teacher will start the dancing at 7:00 P.M., so let's all be there on time. Share your car with those who have not been attending because of not having transportation.

Mrs. Landry will be in charge of the refreshments.

Vince Vella reports from San Diego that they will have a picnic Sunday, May 5th at Balboa Park. All little people are invited. Contact Vince if you plan to attend.

Our condolences are extended to Mrs. Waino Johnson with the recent loss of her husband, and to Isadore Bohmann whose father passed away.

People in the San Francisco Bay area please contact for meetings:

Joe Vercellino
896 Mango Ave.
Sunnyvale, Calif.

Mrs. Bob East
3807 Brookdale Ave.
Oakland, Calif.

Hilda Lange
1027 Santa Fe Ave.
Albany, Calif.

Bakersfield area people contact: Mr. Marion Nichols
5725 Pembroke Ave.
Bakersfield, Calif.

San Diego area people contact:

Mr. & Mrs. Jay Tabor
7181 Matta
San Diego, Calif.

Mr. Vincent Vella
4475 Ohio Street
San Diego 16, Calif.

Fresno area people contact: Miss Bobbie Owen
P. O. Box 417
Huron, Calif.

Seeks Full Life for Her 'Little' Son

By Jack Gillard

It's easy to console a child who comes home crying because his playmates teased him about wearing short pants or for getting a good grade in school, but what do you tell a child who has been teased because he is smaller than his playmates, because he is a midget?

"When my son told me that his friends had teased him because he was a midget, I told him: 'God made you that way, and I came to America and picked you. You're special to me,'" said Mrs. Therese Keenan of Chicago, who is here attending the annual Little People of America convention.

The Little People of America is an organization for persons under 4 feet, 10 inches tall. Its members dislike being called "midgets," or "dwarfs" and prefer to be called "Little People." Their motto is "Think Big."

Some 250 to 300 little people from all parts of the United States will be in Des Moines Sunday through Thursday at the Kirkwood Hotel.

While here, the Little People delegates will discuss the problems they have in education, employment, transportation and so on.

Mrs. Keenan is not a member of the Little People of America. She is normal-sized, but her 5-year-old adopted son, William Dennis, is a member.

Except for his size, William is an active, healthy youngster, as inquisitive as only children his age can be and completely normal.

"I want Dennis to live a normal life like everyone else," Mrs. Keenan said. "I don't want to hold him back, to hide him and shut him away from other people. This is wrong."

"My son and every other handicapped person has a right to live a normal life and I want him to."

Mrs. Keenan came to America from Germany 10 years ago. She went to work for the family court of Cook County, Illinois, taking care of children who were waiting to be placed in foster homes. It was through her work that she first saw William.

"One day, I was called and they said that they had an abandoned child who was paralyzed from the waist down and not expected to live. 'Could I take care of him?' I was asked," Mrs. Keenan recalled. "I said to bring him over."

"I can't tell you how bad he looked when I first saw him. He was 19 months old and was the size of a six-month-old baby. He wouldn't eat, and the doctors doubted if he would live. If he did live, they said, he wouldn't be able to walk without braces."

"I got him to eat. With the help of doctors, I was able to teach him how to walk, and today his paralysis is gone. He doesn't need braces or anything."

"I came to love him, and I felt that I could do so much for him so I filed adoption papers for him and later became his mother."

"I want him to become a priest or a doctor, but he will make his own decision about that," Mrs. Keenan said. "I want him to help others and give them hope."

LITTLE FOLKS' PROBLEM TOLD

A little person's main psychological problem is not his awareness of his own size, a

psychologist told the Little People of America convention Wednesday at Hotel Kirkwood.



SMITH

"The problem is getting persons of average size to forget the difference," said

Dr. Jackson Smith of Chicago, clinical director of the Illinois State Psychological Institute.

This is just a variation of the problem persons of all sizes face, Dr. Smith said.

"Every man wears a mask, representing the way he wants to appear to other people. Unhappiness occurs when a person is made to realize the difference between the mask and what he is really like," Dr. Smith explained.

In this sense, little people are like ministers, Dr. Smith said. The public determines the kind of mask a minister wears and demands that it never be removed.

"The closer a man is to the mask he wears, the better off he is psychologically," Dr. Smith said.

The indications of a person's concept of himself are his style of dress, the way he talks, and the subjects he likes to talk about, Dr. Smith said.

The fifth annual Little People convention will end today.

Big Question: Why They're Little People

By Jack Gillard

One of the more shadowy areas of medical science has been the study of persons who don't grow to normal size.

For years doctors and scientists have lumped these persons together under the category of "dwarfism" with no differentiation.

Lumping Wrong

"We have found that lumping these persons together just isn't right," said Dr. Leonard Langer of the University of Minnesota. "This lack of classification has been responsible for a great deal of confusion in the past."

Dr. Langer and an associate from the University of Minnesota, Dr. Roger Herdman, were in Des Moines Tuesday to do research into the problems of classifying persons who did not reach normal size.

They X-rayed members of the Little People of America, now holding its national convention at Hotel Kirkwood, at Iowa Methodist Hospital and gathered other data from them that might be of use in the study.

"This convention is an unparalleled opportunity to do research," Dr. Herdman said. "You rarely find so many different types of little people gathered in one spot."

"In order to deal with a disease, you have to know clearly what you're working with." In the past, no one has really been interested in the causes of dwarfism and there has been no classification.

Obvious Differences

"But if you observe some of the little people here, even their facial characteristics enable you to make a rudimentary diagnosis of the form of dwarfism they have. Some have normal skulls and facial bone structure, and others do not. There are obvious differences, but nothing really has been done to classify them thoroughly."

Dr. Herdman said that dwarfism is caused by chemical abnormalities in the person's body, and these abnormalities must be classified in order to be studied for possible cures.

He said these abnormalities occur in the body's manufacture of cartilage and eventually in bone formation.

At present, cures for dwarfism are very limited, Dr. Herdman said.

Some Without Cure

For endocrine dwarfs, such as cretins, thyroid treatment has turned them into normal persons, he said, but other forms of dwarfism are with-

out a cure at present. Some progress has been made with pituitary dwarfs, he said, but the results are sketchy and the pituitary extractions necessary for treatment are difficult to obtain.

"Research is progressing in these areas, but the first step is classification so that we will know what we're working with and can look for cures for it," he said.



DISTRICT 12 First Convention, 1963 August.

Littlest People's Biggest Convention

Midget Magician Has Combined Act

By JOYCE TRENT
DAILY NEWS Staff Writer

Joe White was a natural for a disappearing act, being only half-size anyway.

But when the midget magician decided to combine that art with the teaching of religion a lot of people stooped down and took notice.

White illustrated his technique yesterday at the annual convention of the Little People of America at the Highway House.

He is one of 100 delegates. Others in the group include an 80-year-old midget woman who works full-time as a proof reader and two third generation midgets.

White began his career with Ringling Bros. Circus. After the big circus fire he joined a carnival and was billed as Prince Tiny, the magician.

The turning point in his life came in Wisconsin where he met the girl who later became his wife.

"She was an active worker in the church. I thought, why not combine magic with religion and that's how it all started," White explained.

During the week now he travels for a meat packing firm and on Sunday he teaches Sunday School in his unusual way.

He calls his Sunday School act, "The Gospel in a Nutshell."

He shows a box with a block in it engraved with a cross. He closes the box, saying, "And they placed Jesus in a sepulchre."

Next he opens the box. Its empty. "And they found him gone."

Then from a hat he pulls the block. "But he was reborn."

Displaying an empty picture frame he says, "These are the empty hearts of some boys and girls." When he next shows it, it contains a picture of Christ to illustrate what happens when God fills the heart.

White makes three ropes blend in the air to show the Trinity, and pours endless amounts of water from a tiny vial onto a toy ship to portray the story of Noah.

He's received little criticism and many compliments for his way of teaching, he says, and has found fulfillment for himself.

Lola Cox is not a magician but she's a sprightly little midget and to look at her one couldn't guess she is 80 years old. She proved yesterday she wasn't a bit timid either.

In the heart of Goldwater country she proclaimed she didn't plan to vote for the Republican senator for president.

"I don't think he's for the little people," she said.

"I mean the working people, not just us midgets," she explained.

She hails from San Francisco where she is a proof-reader for a type setting service. After 44 years on the job she thinks she may retire next year. "I'm not sure though," she added with a



THIRD GENERATION--The youngsters in this picture are third generation midgets. They are the grandchildren of Johnny Clifton, also shown, who travels the country for Buster Brown shoes. From Left, granddaughter Donna Lee Swensen, 13; Mrs. Clifton; granddaughter Nancy Gayle, 18. They reside in Austin, Tex.

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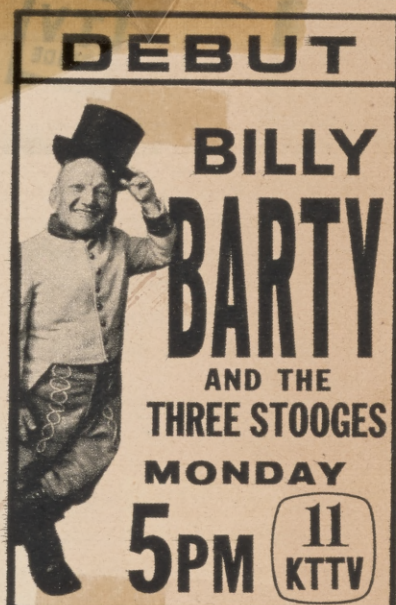
It's very rare for a family to have third generation midgets. But that's the case with the Johnny Clifton family of Austin, Tex., who are attending the convention.

Their granddaughters are accompanying them. Clifton was the midget who traveled for Buster Brown shoes.

The midgets are an enter-

taining lot for the motel personnel. The employees were warned of the group's size before they arrived, especially the bartenders who, otherwise, might have thought they had had too much when a midget strode up to the bar and said:

"Let me have a tall one." And that's what some of them did.



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ART NOBLE'S MIDGET STARS



SHORT HARD DAY--National president Bob Brower sprawls on a motel couch after an exhausting day at the convention. The convention will last through Thursday.



YOUNG 'UN--The youngest midget at the convention was 6-year-old Libby Kelly born of normal size parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Kelly of Denver, Colo. She stands 26 1/2 inches high.

Problems of the Little People

RICHARDSON, Tex.—UPI—

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If just one letter of inquiry a month is received at Box 126, Owatonna, Minn., the organization feels that month is a success.

A common misconception is to think of the little person as able to get a job only in a circus or show business. "Just name an occupation and 99 times out of 100 I can give you the name of a little person doing that work," Kitchens said.

Clothes and transportation rate the most troublesome day to day problems.

Start Early Boat Cruise

THE MILWAU



The Kitchens, a family of "little people," get set for a snack in their home at Richardson, Tex. They are: The father, Lee, 35, who stands a shade over four feet; his wife, Mary (rear), 3 feet 11 inches, and their adopted children, Alan, 8, and Sandra, 6.

3 FT., 9 OF LOVE

Pride Fills Tiny Mom



HIS "LITTLE MOTHER" -- Willie Pellagrini Jr., 17, joyfully hoists his petite mother, who stands only three feet nine inches, after he was sworn into the U. S. Coast Guard in ceremonies yesterday. Watching the whole procedure is Coast Guard Senior Chief John J. Molettieri, who stands one inch over six feet. (American Photo by Earl McCartney)

By CHARLES HILGEMAN
Staffwriter

What Mrs. Willie Pellagrini lacks in height, she more than makes up for in energy and enthusiasm.

Mrs. Pellagrini, 5018 N. 61st Ave., who stands only 3 feet, 9 inches high, said that yesterday was one of her "proudest hours."

She stood near by "a little blue, but awfully proud" as her 17-year-old son, Willie, Jr., took the oath as a recruit in the U. S. Coast Guard. The youth, who is 5 feet, 6, was sworn in to the service by a senior chief who towered six-foot one.

"I am excited and quite proud that he is going to serve his country. I'm sorry he is going away, but that is what he wants to do," she added, echoing the feelings of every mother who has witnessed the same ceremony.

Mrs. Pellagrini said she has never had any "big" problems with her size. Even though her son and 19-year-old daughter

were larger than mom, "They always respected me and size never was a problem when dis-

ciplining came due," she added.

"I have always used my size to my advantage," Mrs. Pellagrini added. She acted in the movie production of the Wizard of Oz and participated in the Treasure Island World's Fair.

Around Phoenix, Mrs. Pellagrini has been working only occasionally as a product demonstrator in supermarket or special promotions.

Her daughter is married and lives out of state and, now that her son is off for a stint in the Coast Guard, Mrs. Pellagrini said she plans a "stepped up schedule" and is on the lookout for any "small" jobs.

ELMER IS \$25,000 WORTH OF BULL

By ESTON McMAHON

Herald-Examiner Staff Writer

Somebody latched on to "Little Harvey's" prize bull, Elmer, but Elmer shouldn't be too hard to find. Elmer is brown in color, weighs 2100 pounds, and is valued by Little Harvey at more than \$25,000.

Oh, yes, one more thing.

Elmer has four horns and three eyes, Little Harvey told Norwalk sheriff's deputy Elmer F. Crain.

"Little Harvey" is Harvey Williams, midget cowboy and entertainer who lives at 5640 Santa Monica Blvd.

Little Harvey told Dep. Crain the bull was on exhibition at a carnival yesterday in Santa Fe Springs and somebody took not only the bull but its trailer.

So if you see a bull with four horns and three eyes, call the Norwalk sheriff's station because that's Elmer.

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Jacuzzi Brings Whirlpool Home

Thanks to the Jacuzzi Whirlpool popularity in Hollywood, where Bath, whirlpool massage is available to everyone right in their own home. This lightweight portable unit weighs only 24 pounds and can be used in the bathtub or the swimming pool.

The unique unit requires no special installation other than a grounded plug. The user merely places it in the tub or pool. When the water reaches a level of five inches or more, the pump starts automatically. When the water is drained, the pump shuts off.

According to Jacuzzi Research Inc., manufacturers of the unit, the one-third horsepower motor provides the same mechanical performance as the large tank-mounted equipment in hospitals and clinics. As a matter of fact, the portable Jacuzzi Bath is now the choice of many institutions because of its mobile nature.

DISCHARGE

The maximum discharge is 45 gallons of water per second, combined with millions of tiny air bubbles. Both the flow of water and the amount of air can be controlled, while the direction of the water is guided by special foot pedals.

Candido Jacuzzi, general manager of Jacuzzi Brothers Inc., the nation's largest independent pump manufacturers, invented the Jacuzzi Whirlpool for his son Kenny, a victim of rheumatoid arthritis, since the age of 18 months. Whirlpool therapy is recommended for a number of ailments, not the least of which is massage treatment for post polio patients, and for many types of arthritis.

The Whirlpool also serves as a creature comfort, as it is ideal for relaxation, soothing strained muscles and for helping to enjoy a deeper sleep. Women find it an excellent adjunct for reducing diets, as the turbulent water tones the muscles and firms sagging skin. The unit enjoys tremendous

SPORTS USE

The Jacuzzi Whirlpool Bath is also a favorite in the sports world. It is used by many major league professional baseball and football clubs for hydrotherapy treatments for sprains, bruises, sore arms and many other ailments.

The unit was first placed on the market in 1956 in a selected area of the state. Just six short years later, it is known, used and distributed in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Japan, Italy, France and Switzerland.

The Jacuzzi Research Inc. headquarters are located at 1440 San Pablo Ave. in Berkeley.



Candido Jacuzzi, executive general manager of Jacuzzi Bros., is shown with his son, Ken, a victim of rheumatoid arthritis whom the Jacuzzi Whirlpool was invented.

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Convention.
At PHOENIX Arizona



ALOHA--Mrs. Marcella Brower, wife of the national president of the Little People of America, does the hula at a Hawaiian dance during the convention yesterday.



LONG DISTANCE?--Lee Wright of Hooks, Tex., demonstrates how a midget uses a pay phone.



A LITTLE PURCHASE -- Marvin Bly of Sioux Falls, S. D., takes a break from swimming to select a pair of sun glasses in the motel lobby. (NEWS fotos by Frank Sepanski)



ABRACADABRA -- Midget magician Joe White of Kenosha, Wisc. combines his art with the Gospel. He travels all over the country pulling crosses out of hats and performing other tricks to illustrate religious texts.



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Play it safe and see your doctor once a year for a health checkup, too. And help research and education save lives by sending a check to your local A.C.S. Unit.

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Little People In The Big People's World



Poolside at their Scottsdale apartment are the Bob Brower family. Adopted daughters are 5-year-old Cathy, left, and Vicky, 9. Brower, comptroller at Smitty's Big Town, Scottsdale, is president of Little People of America, Inc., formed in 1955 by actor Billy Barty.

PHOTOGRAPHS, CHARLES R. CONLEY

'Don't Call Us Cute'

by Esther Clark



Clarence Hughes can work in a 15-inch-diameter pipe to seal joints.

Everything Is Looking Up For Little People

Who Will Gather Here For National Convention

THE 5-7½ VISITOR stood in the center of the living room and had the sensation of being in another world.

Not from the surroundings, however, for furniture and room dimensions were normal. It was the people standing and sitting in a circle.

Not one of the 14 was taller than 4 feet, 10 inches.

BUT, YES, THERE was one. When he arose to acknowledge an introduction to the guest, he loomed a grand 5-8.

"How do you do, and please meet my wife," said Furl Waddell. A pretty, white-haired woman, 53 inches high, smiled a welcome.

The guest, becoming less discomfited by unfeigned friendliness, then met the other members of the club, officially known as Little People of America, Inc., Phoenix Chapter.

"OUR TWO GIRLS, who are adopted and normal size, will be coming in soon

and we want you to meet them," said Bob Brower of Scottsdale. He is national president, whose 4 feet, 10 inches just get him under the membership wire for the association's maximum height.

Mrs. Brower, 2 inches over 4 feet, bustled about the room in white blouse and shorts. The rose-colored nail polish on toes of her doll-like feet twinkled as she flitted from one group to another, talking about the national convention July 19-23 at the Phoenix HighwayHouse.

Interrupting a chat on the convention fashion show she was having with Mrs. Danny Taylor, 3 feet, 9, Mrs. Brower held out a hand to sun-tanned daughter Cathy, 5, already almost as tall as her mother. A few minutes later, hazel-eyed Vicki, 9, came charging in, stooping to get a kiss and hug from mom.

"DO WE HAVE SMALL children just because we're small, you ask?" repeated 61-inch-tall Taylor from a stairway perch.

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Little People

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The Goodwill Industries TV-radio repairman hurried along with "It's something glandular that makes us small, but that doesn't necessarily mean our children will be. It's the same with half-pints, as with grownups, as to whether we have any at all."

His wife, Donna, nodded agreement from the depths of an upholstered chair whose seat front her feet failed to reach.

LIKE ALL THE FURNITURE, the chair is standard size—"to accommodate our many normal size friends," Brower explained.

"We have some housekeeping habits like some big ladies," interjected Mrs. Taylor. "When we're going to have big guests, we use stepladders to clean dust from the top shelves. We seldom see it

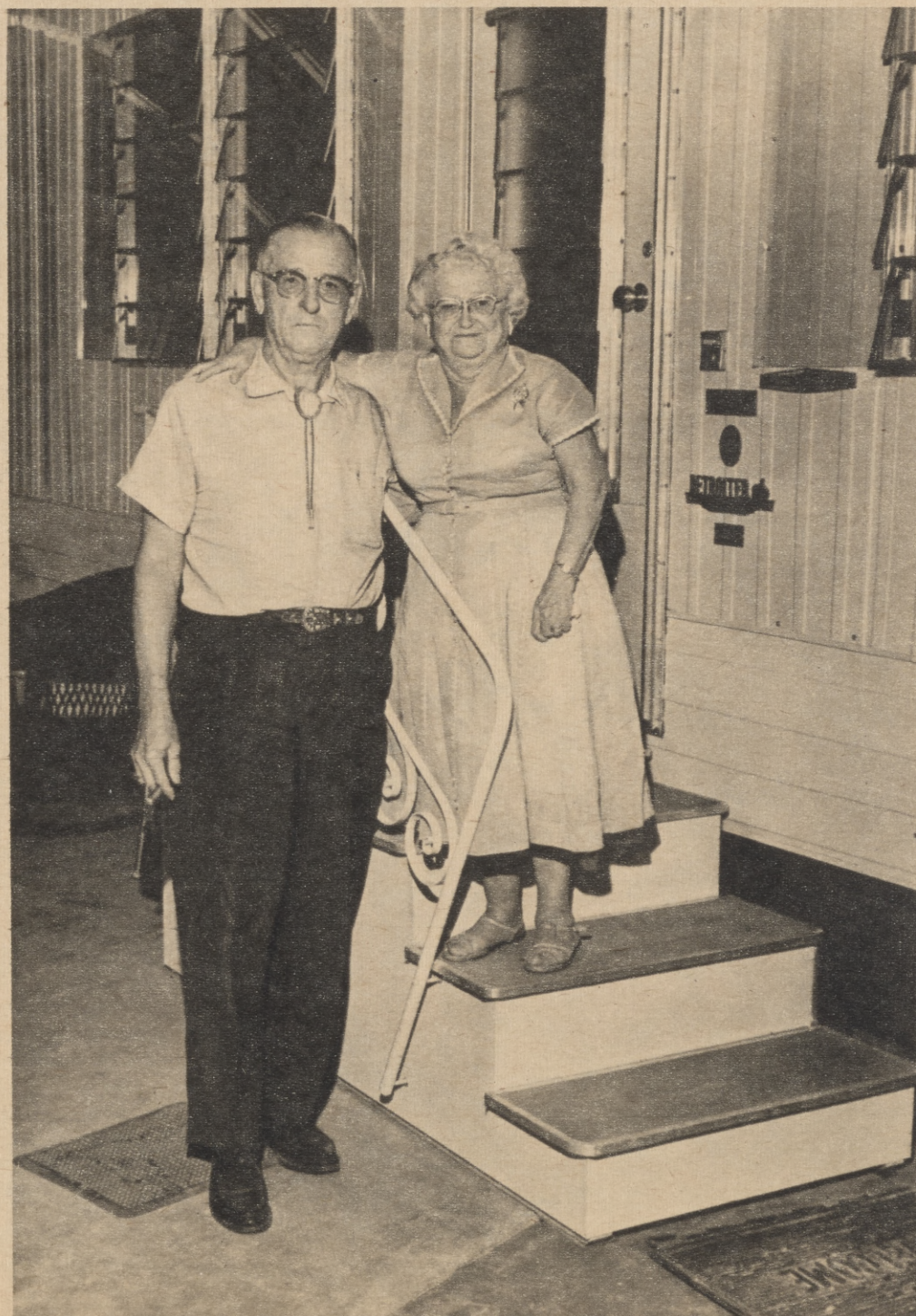
because we keep our everyday dishes on bottom shelves."

The Little Person in the chair next to her, Mrs. Maurice Alden, smiled as she said, "We couldn't get along without stools and stepladders. I carried a stool all through high school in New Hampshire."

MRS. ALDEN, A BUSINESS college graduate, is a bride of eight months. She and her husband, a precision mechanic at Motorola, met at a Little People's national convention in Las Vegas, Nev., in 1960.

"That wedding reception was really something," laughingly reminded Norman Brock. "We did whoop it up."

Brock and wife Etta, married 41 years, are retired show business performers and dance instructors. They have two daughters and five grandchil-



Mr. and Mrs. Furl Waddell enjoy trailer house living.

dren, all normal size except one granddaughter. "She's 8 and looks 4," he said.

MENTION OF THE wedding prompted Mrs. Brower to say she and the prospective bride were fortunate in finding a wedding gown.

"We saw a waltz-length dress for a little big person and were delighted. It made a floor-length gown for Marge."

Little People either buy small-size big people's clothing or have garments tailored, but the shoe problem is always not so satisfactorily solved.

"I CAN'T GET HIGH HEELS because the specialty houses only sell sizes 1 through 5, and I wear 12½ so have to buy children's shoes," said Mrs. Taylor, a child's size 11 in dresses.

Not clothing, not shoes, but employ-

ment is Little People's biggest worry. Club members are unanimous on this point.

"Back in 1918, I couldn't get a job as a stenographer," recalled Mrs. Alden's mother, Mrs. Alice Bourassa, a Little Person who was the second child of normal parents. "Things are better now, I know."

FROM THE COUCH came the soft voice of David Willer, another Goodwill employe, in the clothing department.

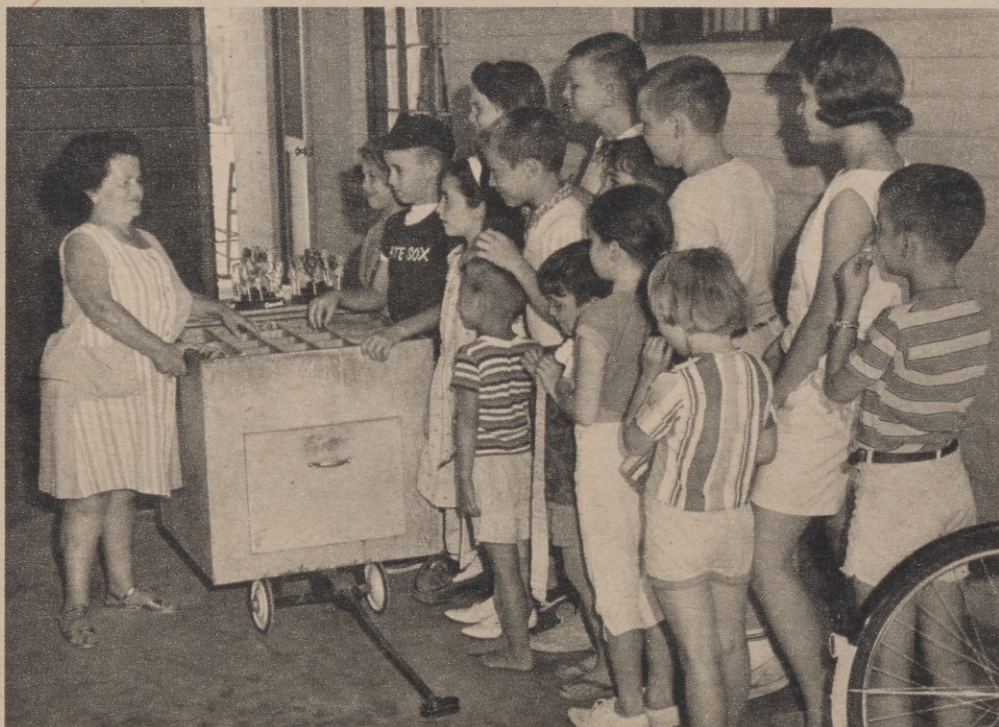
"Since I came from Chicago in 1961, I haven't been able to find a job in my printing trade. I've tried many places but they always give me some excuse."

The couch's fourth occupant, Miss Hazel Wilcoxson, related her unsuccessful efforts in trying to find a cashier's job or desk work.

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Norman Brock, left, discusses poultry raising hobby with Earl Warr, convention chairman, formerly in show business.



Neighborhood children are Mrs. Norman Brock's steady penny candy customers.



Footstool aid for Mrs. Maurice Alden, head bookkeeping machine operator at Smitty's Big Town, Scottsdale. She is 4-1.



Good housekeeping steps for Mrs. Danny Taylor. All her furniture is normal size.

Little People

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BROWER BROKE IN TO report Little People are finding more employment because the public is becoming educated to the fact that "we can do just as good in a job as big people with the same ability."

The national convention, at which about 150 delegates are expected, will prove Brower's point. For the membership is represented by virtually every occupation, from barbers to bankers, from artists to accountants.

While the national membership is about 1,500, there are approximately 3,000 more Little Persons in the country, according to Brower's estimate. The problem is to convince non-members that hiding in a small world brings loneliness and unhappiness.

THE LITTLE PEOPLE in the Brower living room had an easy give and take conversation, even to good-natured ribbing.

"Behind you is one of the club's bachelors," said Brower, pointing to Clarence Hughes.

The visitor asked what Hughes does.

BROCK BEAT EVERYONE to the answer. "He drinks short beers and watches girls." The crowd roared and Hughes blushed furiously.

Hughes, 36, whose parents, three

brothers and sister are big people, puts his smallness to work for him. He seals joints inside storm drains, water lines and irrigation pipes.

"Standing near the door is the other bachelor," Brower said, looking toward Earl Warr, who turned out to be another retired vaudeville performer, a bounding wire artist.

Warr is 4-feet-6 and Little People's chairman of District 10 which includes Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico and Utah. He is divorced from a nurse, 5 inches taller than he. Among other differences, he says, "We didn't see eye to eye."

WARR, ALSO CONVENTION chairman, took the joking with good grace, even the comment from Taylor about "making coffee money by dabbling in real estate."

Everyone smiled as Brock looked at Waddell, who was holding hands with his wife of 53 years.

"He's for us 100 per cent," Brock said of the retired Ohio cigar maker. "He is big but recognizes that Little People can live effectively in two worlds—small and large. His wife does."

MRS. WADDELL GLANCED at her husband and he tightened the hold on her tiny hand as she returned in memory



Brake and clutch extensions make driving a big car easy for Maurice Alden. He is a Motorola precision mechanic.

to Ohio. "I met my sweetie in a cigar factory."

The Waddells have one daughter, two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, all normal size. "Our grandsons are 6-footers," she beamed.

A Little Person does not like to be stared at any more than does a big person, reminded Mrs. Taylor, adjusting a strap of her shift-type dress.

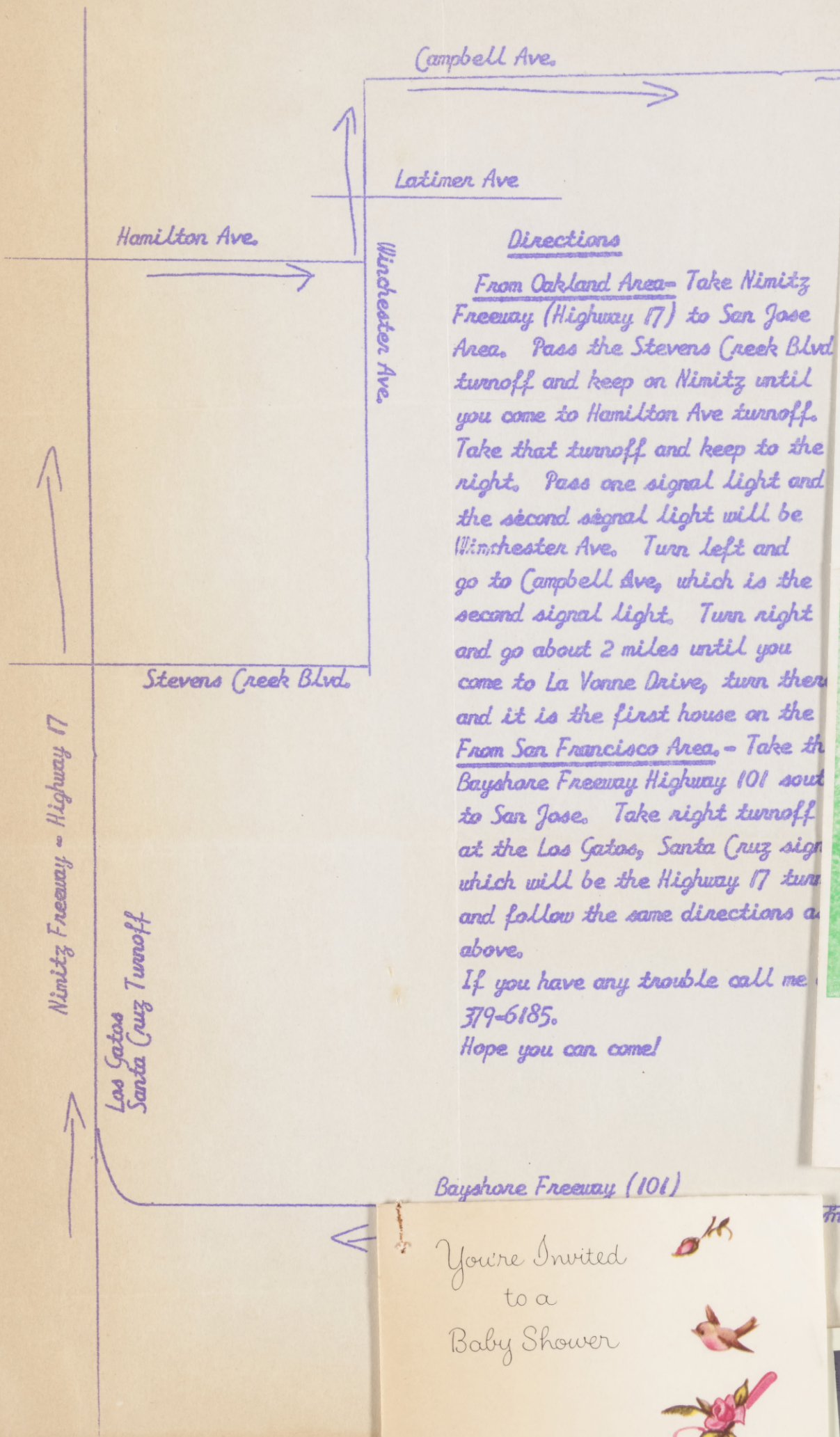
"WHEN I'M OUT WALKING and hear someone in back of me say, 'Isn't that cute!' I get so burned up I want to pop them."

Brower, picking up the subject, added: "Sure we go to night clubs, dances, restaurants and bowling alleys. If we're on the dance floor and big people stare at us, we walk off the floor. They soon get the message, and then we go back and dance."

Most Little People like to dance, he said. "We have no problem doing that. Our feet touch the floor."

AS THE 5-7½ VISITOR rose to leave, several of the Little People seemed anxious to know whether they seemed any different from a group of big people. They definitely do not.

"We'd like for you to come to our convention dance," Brower added over a goodnight handshake.



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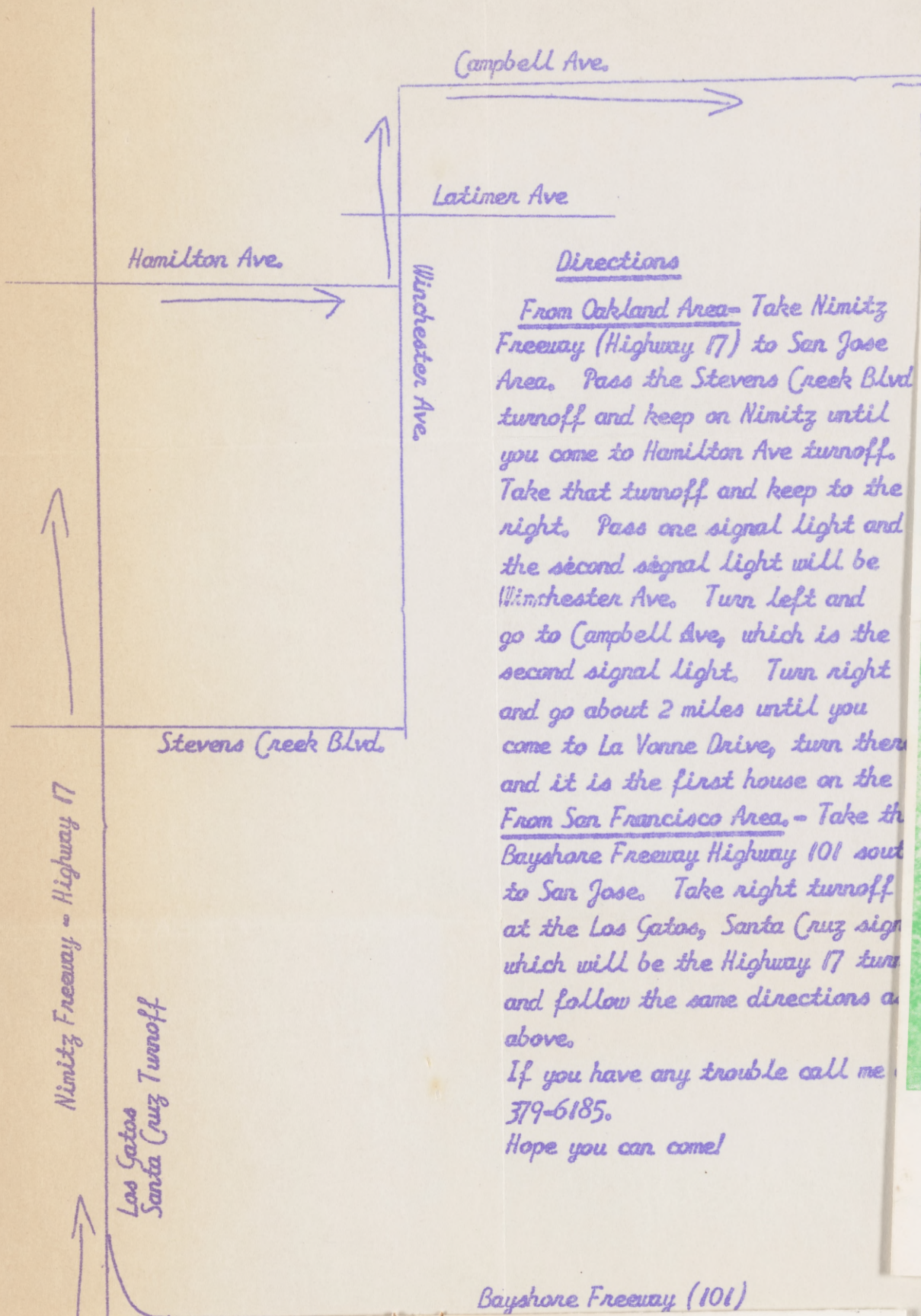
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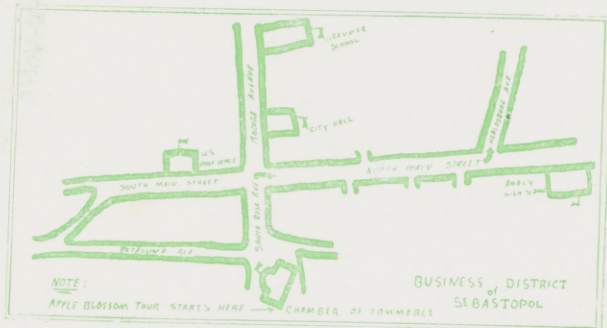
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'Little People' Wed In Fitchburg Rites

FITCHBURG — The principals stood little taller than a yardstick, but their wedding day reached the heights of the tallest mountain.

At a ceremony yesterday afternoon in St. Joseph's Church, Miss Lena M. Richard, who is three feet, eleven inches tall became the bride of Dana W. Guild, who is eight inches taller than his bride.

Lena, who is the daughter of Thaddy E. Richard of 216 St. Joseph Ave., was given in marriage by her father. Mr. Richard is average height as are Lena's brothers and sisters

(the family numbers 11). Dana is the son of Mrs. Gladys Guild of Hopkinton.

Attendants

Another little couple, Madeline Young of Dover, N.H., and Norman Ouellette of Fall River, were the attendants.

Both couples met in the organization known as Little People of America of which they are members. Ernest Niles Jr., 11, who is 42 inches tall and a member of the Little People's organization was ring bearer.

The taller nephews, Roland Richard of Leominster and George Richard of Fitchburg, ushered.

The gowns of the bride and her maid of honor were made by Mrs. Emil Blanchard of Fitchburg. The bride's gown was a child's size 10. Her slippers were size two.

The bridal gown was of white Swiss imported embroidered tulle over white satin appliqued with satin flowers. It was fashioned with a fitted bodice, circular neckline, long lily point sleeves and a full-length skirt. Her bouffant tulle veil was caught to a crown of tulle made with a detachable face veil. She carried white roses and baby's breath in a cascade bouquet.

The maid of honor wore a similar gown of sky blue tulle

over blue satin but fashioned with short sleeves. She wore a tulip crown of blue tulle with a detachable veil and carried pink carnations and baby's breath.

A reception in Eagles Hall followed the ceremony. After a

small group of Little People members were among the wedding guests. Others attending were families of the

PRINCIPALS IN WEDDING OF "LITTLE PEOPLE" AT FITCHBURG
From left, Madeline Young, attendant; Mrs. Dana W. Guild (Lena M. Richard), bride; Rev. Roland M. Nadeau, who officiated; Dana W. Guild, bridegroom; Norman Ouellette, attendant; and Ernest Niles Jr., ringbearer



JANUARY 1966

Travel by Air to Austin, Texas for The LPA 1966 Convention

Most important right now is for those interested in taking advantage of the airplane trip to make arrangements. This offer is limited and must be taken care of soon. By March in fact. At last report, there have been over 30 people signed up for the trip but we must have 100. Think about it! This trip was offered primarily for the benefit of the District 12 membership. A price offer that couldn't be beat anywhere. 75.00 round trip including one meal in each direction. That along with the 10.50 per day for the motel adds up to a most reasonable vacation. Yet it will be one most enjoyable. Act Now! For those that are interested, contact Billy Barty immediately. Billy Barty, 4502 Farndale Ave., No. Hollywood, Calif. 91602

Speaking of the National Convention.

Very few people realise the work and planning for this years Convention. Even before the bid was accepted at last years convention, the committee in Texas had already put in a years work and planning. Then after their bid was accepted, they really went into high gear. Immediately following the convention, and even right this minute, work is being done to make this the best convention ever. For those that can afford it but don't go, they will be sorry after hearing of what they missed.

election

1966 will be a year both Nationaly and in District 12. All members start to think of a good candidates. Don't just decide on a favorite personality but pick out a person that is truly interested in LPA. One that will strive to make it a strong and worthy organization. Our present National President, Lee Kitchens, has been a very strong man and if not re-elected will take a mighty fine man to fill his place.

1966 District 12 Convention

Several diferant cities are being considered right now for our convention this year. Some being considered are, Santa Rosa, Stockton, Modesto, Fresno. Each one of these towns is a good location and it is known that a large number of Little People living in each of the vicinities. Many of these are not get listed on our address list but it is hoped that in the near future they will be. Perhaps having a District convention near them will be just the thing to break the barrier. Right now the District Convention is only in the basic planning stage but it is being worked on early this year to make it much better than the last one. Elections of new district officers will be taking place along with a very interesting and informative program.

The West For "67"

Before ending the business of conventions in this issue, there is one more very important item to bring up. Many people know, yet many don't, that the West will probably be favored for the 1967 National Convention. All the differant district directors from the West will be taking bids for 1967 with them to the Convention this year. The important thing is this. What can District 12 come up with? There is work being done already toward this goal but don't let us stop yet. Texas came up with a bid of 10.50 per day including three meals for this year. Can we match that or even beat it? Let's try and see what we can do. Anyone that thinks they can get a good bid at a nice place for the third week in July 1967, contact me right away. I will then go over with you all the finer details that are needed to aproach a motel, convention bureau, ect. with.

Large increase in new members this year.

It looks as though District 12 will again be the champ for the most LPA members and the most known Little People within a district this year. I fear that it would be next to impossible to be the champ in percentage gained over last year but we can give it a try. Several districts giving their reports at the National Convention last year reported over a 400% increase in memberships. For District 12 to top that, we would have to have over 600 members. It is anticipated that by 1967 there will be over 500 known Little People living in District 12. Perhaps we can beat that sooner. If each person reading this letter went out and recruited one new LPA member, we would then have the needed amount to be champs in all catagories.

1966 DUES were due and payable as of January 1st.

In the next issue, I will list all those that have renewed or joined for the first time.

About May 1st, an address list of all members, Little Littles, and known Little People within the district in relation to standings as of April 1st will be made. This list will then be available to all members in District 12.

Dues are: Singles-5.00, Family Plan-7.50, Little Littles-3.00

News From Within The District

It's still not too late to mention the fact that George and Tena Baehm of Long Island New York were visitors to California during the Christmas Holidays. George is the LPA Public Relations Director for the East Coast. Both are very strong workers for LPA. Their trip West was mainly for a visit with relatives in the Sacramento area. During their short stay they were able to spend a very enjoyable afternoon with the Rogers family in Sacramento. It is reported that the Rogers were much impressed with the viewpoints of the Baehm's.

Employment on the rise in District 12

It is very interesting to note that several of our younger members have landed good jobs lately. Most recent is the Howsden Twins. Darlene has been working for the Federal Disbursement Office in San Francisco for over a month now. Dorene has just started working for the Naval Air Station in Alameda in one of the offices.

Received a letter from Virginia Geddes telling all about her new job with the Dept. of Motor Vehicles. By the sound of the letter, she really enjoys her work. This is the attitude of all the young people so far and it is good. To enjoy your job makes it that much easier.

Not quite a job termed as employment, but still a job, is that of Gordon England. Gordon buys automobiles at a low figure, works them over and repairs all that is needed, then sells them at a gain. This is good as it not only makes money for him but he is learning through experience. Keep it up Gordon.

One of our newer members, Cathy Samson, has been working for the Federal Disbursement Office for some time now and has just been granted permanent civil service status. It was through Cathy that Darlene was able to land her job. This makes two LPA members working at the same place.

Cathy shows much interest in LPA and has agreed to take the position of Corresponding Secretary for the District until elections are held this fall.

Andre Boursee Attains Highest Award in Boy Scouts

Andre Boursee has recently been awarded the rank of Eagle Scout. This is a very distinguished achievement.

To show how high this is, it is reported that of every 5000 boys that join the Boy Scouts only one will reach the rank of Eagle Scout.

We may yet have another before too long. Tom Henderson is only a short way from the same rank. Work on it Tom and you too will make it.

Los Angeles Chapter to Reactivate Their Ball Team

With all the new blood coming into the chapter, it was decided to build up the Ball Team again. Practice time and place will be announced soon. Looks to me as though L.A. wants to keep the District Trophies they have won for the past two years. That's O.K. fellas, Playing ball also keeps the joints loosened up and the pots off the front side.

Sacramento Chapter Recruiting New Members

The membership along with Mrs. Rogers is constantly recruiting new members. Right now, believe it or not, they are out after a basket ball player. Will report more about this remarkable fellow as news comes in. For the Feb. meeting it is hoped to have an outside speaker talk to the group.

Bay Area Chapter Holds Annual Elections

Al Stickney was re-elected president, Fulvio Parenti Vice-president, Hilda Lange Secretary, Mary Jane Carlino Treas., Martin Rogers Sgt. at Arms.

The Forthcoming annual banquet was discussed. More news in the next issue.

Dorene and Darlene, through their position as Teenage Editors for the National News Letter, report that correspondence between other teenagers has grown to a tremendous scale. Each week brings a load of mail to be answered. They truly enjoy it and are having a ball exchanging viewpoints and ideas with others throughout the nation and district.

Sincerely yours,

Bob East

Veteran News Vender

Rites for Albert Anderson

Funeral services will be held in San Bruno today (Thursday) for Albert A. (Shorty) Anderson, long-time vendor of The Chronicle, who died Sunday at the age of 72.

A well-known San Francisco figure who sold papers at Grant avenue and Market street for 30 years, Mr. Anderson was honored by then-Mayor George Christopher in 1961, when he announced the time had come to retire.

Mr. Anderson, who stood just four-feet two-and-a-half inches tall, established his

newsstand on February 6, 1930, after a successful circus career that included fire eating and working with lions.

Customers walked blocks out of their way to buy papers from him. "I talk nice to them," he said, explaining his popularity.

A bad leg and heart trouble forced his retirement, and as he closed up shop Mayor Christopher and a crowd of friends were on hand to wish him well and present him with an official proclamation

marking that day as "Shorty Anderson Day."

In retirement he made his home with his wife, Mary Mannette, who stood several inches shorter than he, at 970 Green avenue in San Bruno.

Both were life-long members of Little People of America.

Mr. Anderson is survived by his wife.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. at the San Bruno Funeral Home at 200 West San Bruno avenue. Interment will be at Sunset Mausoleum in Berkeley.



ALBERT A. (Shorty) ANDERSON
On retirement, the Mayor paid tribute

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FOR THOU ART WITH ME; THY ROD AND THY STAFF
THEY COMFORT ME. THOU PREPAREST A TABLE
BEFORE ME IN THE PRESENCE OF MINE ENEMIES;
THOU ANOINTEST MY HEAD WITH OIL; MY CUP
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MICHAEL AND JOY DUNN
The moneymooners watched the cable cars

S.F. Honeymoon

Leprechaun and His Bride

By Maitland Zane

The young couple standing on Powell street yesterday watching the cable cars clang by were honeymooners — with a difference.

"We met about midnight the night of October 25," said Joy Talbot Dunn, a striking redhead who has worked here and in Europe as a model, singer, dancer and actress. "It was in Downey's, a New York bar."

"He proposed to me November 25 and we were married December 14."

She took the hand of Michael Dunn, 32, a canetwirling actor, and fondly said, "He's a leprechaun."

UNUSUAL

Newlyweds are a familiar enough sight in these parts. What makes the Dunns unusual is that he is a dwarf — three feet ten and 78 pounds, while she is normal in size — five feet four-and-a-half.

But Michael Dunn, victim of chondrodystrophy, a rare form of dwarfism when he was a young child, is gutsy.

"There really wasn't any other choice except to be a vegetable. My reason for living is not that I'm brave, but that I like to be alive."

The Dunns were on their way to Los Angeles yesterday for appearances in two TV series — Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea, and The Wild Wild West.

VILLAIN

Mike plays the villain in both series.

"They always want me to play a rat," he complained.

"I suppose it's the easy thing for a producer to think of for a man of my size. But I gotta do a good-guy role sometime."

Dunn, a man with a genius-level I.Q. who worked his way through the University of Miami singing in bars, likes to sculpt, read, shoot pool, drive fast cars and drink bourbon.

He is learning to fly a

plane and would like to be a director, perhaps in TV.

AMBITION

But his main ambition is acting. "It looks as if L.A. is where I'll spend most of my time — but I'll go where the work is," Dunn said.

He first caught the public eye for his performance in "Ballad of the Sad Cafe" in New York a couple of years ago. Then came the role of Glocken, the dwarf in the film "Ship of Fools," which earned him an Academy Award nomination but which his bride still has not seen.

But he's got his bright blue-green eyes on higher things. Gunter Grass, the German novelist, has prom-

ised him the top part in The Tin Drum, if and when it's made into a movie.

Dunn dreams of playing Shakespeare — roles like the Fool in King Lear, Feste in Twelfth Night and especially the hunchback King Richard III.

OFF AGAIN

After L.A. they'll be off to Mexico City for the bullfights, and then who knows?

Joy Dunn wants to continue her acting career, but seemed a little doubtful about acting on the same stage with her talented husband.

"I'd love it," she said. "But our egos would probably clash. He's much more even-tempered than I."

Herb Michelson

... Stage and Screen ...



MIKE DUNN: 'DON'T EXPECT TOO MUCH'

The Dwarf

Mike's Annex, around the corner from the hungry 1, has two hand-carved pool tables, with those good old leather net pockets; a roll top desk, and a big copper washing machine. Enrico Banducci, who owns both places, says if he could find 23 more of the antique washing machines he would open a laundromat. Or, by the same token, 10 more old pool tables and he'd open a billiard parlor.

Michael Dunn chalked up over one of the tables, stepped up and missed a two-ball combination shot in the corner. If you were seated on the other side of the table, it's likely you wouldn't have seen the shooter. Mike Dunn is a dwarf. He's 30 years old and weighs about 75 pounds and is 3 feet 10 inches. Also he is a nominee for an Academy Award for his role in "Ship of Fools." Also he has an IQ of 178.

Mike was born with two dislocated hips. By the time he was four, he realized he'd be a dwarf. The diagnosis was chondrodystrophy. It's a rare form of non-hereditary dwarfism. He cannot straighten his elbows; he's in pain when he walks.

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He propped himself on the table by sort of clamping his bulging chest to the rim and plunked the 9 ball in the side. "My parents were bright enough to raise me without cutting me down to mid-get size. They let me play football and baseball. They didn't tell me, 'You can't do that, you're not big enough.' I knew I was little."



MICHELSON

Around his Oklahoma home he played with the big kids and stole bases and passed from a left half spot in a single wing formation. "I couldn't throw long. But I was very accurate."

He tries to bank the 7 ball end-to-end and just misses. "I was always good for two, three yards on passes. And sometimes I'd carry the ball. The other guys were so surprised I was running, I'd usually gain something. And I studied the fine points of stealing bases while everyone else was flopping around in the dust trying to imitate their big brothers. I wasn't fast, of course, but they never saw me coming in to second."

"Ship of Fools" was Mike Dunn's first movie. Screenwriter Abby Mann had seen Mike doing two Saroyan one-acters Off-Broadway and recommended the dwarf to director-producer Stanley Kramer for the role of Glocken, who's really a hunchback in the novel. Another writer to see Dunn in the Saroyan thing was Edward Albee, who cast the little guy on Broadway in "Ballad of a Sad Cafe."

Suddenly Mike had national recognition, although he'd been singing and, until his wrists were crippled, playing the piano for years. At the hungry now he and a sweet-voiced redhead, Phoebe Dorin, offer fresh, pleasant duets.

Phoebe stood over in a corner and watched Mike cut the 3 ball too thin down at the other end. He talked about non-dwarf roles he'd like to play, about doing Shakespeare.

"I'd like to play the fool in 'King Lear' or the clown in 'Twelfth Night' and, yes, Richard Third. But I don't think I'm ready yet. When I am, though, I hope I can find a producer with guts enough to let me do these roles."

He sips a drink, puts out a cigaret in the big glass ashtray on the rim of the pool table and cuts the 2 ball too thick trying to pop it in the side. Is he hopeful, someone wonders, about winning a "best supporting" Oscar in April 18.

"I have kind of an old Irish pagan attitude toward the Oscar: Don't expect too much or you'll jinx it." Finally, a two-ball combo in the end works for him.

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Dunn tried a monastery after graduation from the University of Miami. "The religious life appealed to me. But after six months I found things I couldn't accept in the monastic life. I felt I could do more outside."

He looks over the table and sees the 3 ball lipped on an end pocket. "That's a lovely shot but I don't feel like climbing the table for it. I'll never forget one night in New York when Mickey Shaughnessey and I had had a few in Downey's (noted theatrical bar) and decided to go to a real tough joint called Guys and Dolls to play pool and we walked in and..."

Now he can reach the cue ball to go after that easy 3 ball. But he blows it. Badly. "Well," smiles Michael Dunn the actor, "suicide time."

LENA and the

LITTLE PEOPLE



LITTLE woman — big smile. Lena M. Richard, 43, but under four feet tall, takes life in stride.

By Ruth E. Rose

LITTLE, lively and likeable — that's Fitchburg's 43-year-old Lena M. Richard, who stands only 3 feet 11 inches tall and is a member of a "growing" organization, Little People of America Inc.

Born in Portsmouth, N.H., Lena is one of the 11 children of Thaddy E. and the late Agnes Richard. She now lives with her father and a younger sister, Irene, at 216 St. Joseph Ave.

"My seven sisters and three brothers — all living and all but one mar-

ried — are all average height or more. I was the seventh child," she said with a smile, "and I guess seven was an unlucky number."

Lena's pleasing personality and perseverance have helped her to overcome any "unlucky" start she may have had. Her determination to cope with living in a big world, her sometimes unhappy school days, her difficulty later in finding employment and the new happiness that tuning in at random to a television program two years ago gave her, highlight her interesting story.

"I was so small that I did not enter school until I was seven and a half years old," she said. "At eight, when I was confirmed at St. Joseph's Church, I wore a toddler's dress, size 2.

"It was just natural, I guess, for the normal-sized children in school to tease me, but many times I came home crying because of their remarks. Those were the moments when my mother showed her wisdom by not babying me or outwardly sympathizing with me too much. Consequently, I slowly learned to accept the seemingly unkind things the children sometimes said. I completed

the eighth grade at St. Joseph's School but did not feel I wanted to continue through high school."

BABY-SITTING and housework seemed to be the only jobs available for Lena after she left school, because of her size and age. She managed housework without too much difficulty with the help of a stool to reach the sink or stove top.

Her diminutive size was often an asset when baby-sitting. "If it was necessary to remain all night with the children, I was small enough to fit into a child's crib, eliminating a sleeping problem."

The petite Lena, immaculately groomed from her prettily curled brown hair to her tiny, trim-fitting shoes, told enthusiastically of her first full-time job with the Doehla Greeting Card Co.

"The owner, Harry Doehla, is handicapped and consequently understood my problem. 'Size does not matter,' he said, 'as long as you can use your hands.' I worked for the Doehla Company for 10 years until the business was moved to Nashua, N.H."

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Fitchburg's Lena M. Richard and other 'shorties' have joined hands to solve common problems. Their motto: 'Think Big!'



NEW OUTLOOK and brighter social life have come to little people since formation of nation-wide Little People of America Inc., two years ago. Some of 30 New England members were at this typical

recent gathering at home of Lena M. Richard (second from right). George Rollins, at left in first row, and Ernest Niles, third from left in first row, are both "Little Littles."

Little People's Convention on Mutual Aid

Port Macquarie, Australia

The little people are heading for this picturesque resort — to start a mutual aid association for dwarfs.

From all over Australia and New Zealand, 56 of them are flying in today for the first Australian Little People's Convention, because, say the organizers it's no fun being little and alone.

The convention was the idea of dwarfs George and Rosemary Whittaker.

George said: "Because of their size, little people find it difficult to obtain employment. They often withdraw from society and become very lonely."

Register

Sebastopol Girl Killed Five Hurt in SR Crash

An Analy High School girl was killed and five other persons were injured when two cars smashed together on a rain-slick Santa Rosa street late Friday night.

Dead is 18-year-old Peggy Ann Stockton, a senior at Analy and treasurer of the school's Future Teachers Association.

Four persons remain hospitalized. One is in critical condition.

Santa Rosa police said the accident occurred when the driver of a westbound car slammed on his brakes while attempting to clear the wide curve on Fourth st., just east of Rogers Way.

The auto, driven by Ricky Brandt, 20, of Napa, skidded out of control, and slid broadside across the divider stripe and into a car driven by Dennis Walker, 18, of Occidental.

Peggy Ann was a passenger



—Photo by Lee Buckley

DEATH ON FOURTH ST.

Car In Which Peggy Ann Stockton Died

American-made economy car driven by young Walker.

Police said each vehicle had in the rear seat of the small

The rain continued to beat down as two ambulances began taking the victims to Community Hospital following the 11:15 p.m. accident.

Peggy Ann was dead on arrival.

Critically injured was Harold Morin, 40, of Napa, a passenger in the Brandt vehicle. He remained in the intensive care unit last night, and was receiving treatment for abdominal injuries.

A passenger in the same auto, Robert O'Dell, 41, of 3065 Marc Way, Santa Rosa, was reported in good condition suffering from spinal injuries.

A third passenger in that car, Glen Benedict, 18, of 430 West Grant st., Healdsburg, was treated and released following the accident.

The driver of the other, young Walker was ejected by the impact of the crash. He suffered a broken jaw and chest injuries, but was reported in good condition last night.

Another passenger in his car, Kathi Jeffers, 17, of 906 McFarland ave., Sebastopol, suffered head and face injuries. She also was in good condition.

Police said last night that the accident remains under investigation.

Miss Stockton was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Stockton, 7125 Elphick rd., Sebastopol.

A native of Texas, she had lived in Sebastopol six years.

She was graduated from Twin Hills Elementary School and at Analy played in the school band and was a member of the Spanish Club and The Little People's Association.

She was active in the Fellowship Group of the Sebastopol Congregational Church.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by her brothers, Kevin, Matthew, and Bryan Stockton, all of Sebastopol, and by her grandmother, Mrs. Flora Stockton, Texas.

Nov. 4, 1968

Dear Mary Jane and Nene

I was shocked at the news of Peggy.

We attended the services at her church and they were very beautiful. I never knew one person could have so many friends that cared so much about her.

The Minister made special mention that she had received her membership card the same day that she had died. Like our motto, Peggy thought big.

'Little Man,' Father Of 6, Attains Stature In Job As Electronics Expert

By Helen Bottel

Roger (Brownie) Brown is college trained in electronics. He has a responsible position with Douglas Aircraft Corporation and he enjoys his work. His employers regard him highly. He has friends by the score and "no enemies I can think of." He goes home to a charming wife and six children—from 4 to 19 years of age—who think "Pop is tops."

Summed up, Roger Brown might qualify as a model suburbanite.

Except for one thing: He can stand upright in a compact car without denting his five gallon hat. He weighs 65 pounds, stretches to a scant 48 inches in cowboy boots, and buys his favorite western style clothes in the boys' wear department where a size 10 gives him a perfect fit. Brownie is what the world terms a midget. He prefers to describe himself as "one of the little people."

Brownie—everybody calls him that—was born 50 years ago of standard sized parents. No one knows precisely why nature turned this well proportioned man out in miniature, but heredity played its part and still does.

"Three of our children will be little," he predicts. "The other three take after my wife. She's five feet two."

Does lack of stature create problems?

Not in the least.

"It's all on the plus side," Brownie says.

"I can flirt with the women and no one gets mad—not even husbands. I get special treatment in restaurants—in fact, wherever I go. And I'm on the go a lot in my work."

"I find friends everywhere because somehow I'm noticed, and I return the notice with a smile and a compliment."

As if to prove his point, a mother and her small son walked through the foyer of the inn where he had registered the night before.

"Hey, there's my friend Brownie," shouted the boy, and the mother called: "Hi, Brownie, we'll see you later."

"All the kids know me," he says.

As an inspector in the quality control division at Douglas, Brown is headquartered in Santa Monica but "trouble shoots" all over

the world. He is at the Sacramento Test Center near Folsom this month with a select crew to help the local plant through a peak load.

Only one question ruffles Brownie's normally even disposition: "Does the aircraft company keep you on to get into little places and fix things in engines, like I read about once?" This is somewhat like asking a six foot four college graduate if a firm employs him to dust tall filing cabinets.

"No!" drawls Brownie, a bit of the south showing up in his voice. "They hired me to do the electronics job I was trained for in four years of college. I live by my ability, not my size."

Brownie has never "lived by his size," though he could well fit the paraphrased song title, Little Man, You've You've Had A Busy Life. He put himself through Oklahoma University with the money he earned in circus and county fair routines, but it was ability that got him the spotlight.

He has been a trick rider, a sharpshooter, a precision knife thrower with Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey. For a time he dived 75 feet into an eight foot tank of water—"but I quit because it gave me a headache," he says.

He has played the rodeo circuit and managed stage productions. He even dealt black jack in Reno and Las Vegas, Nev. For the last 17 years he has been with various aircraft companies all over the southwest.

Show business led Brownie to his wife, Leona. She was new at the circus—the Australian whip cracker with the pretty face and friendly smile. His specialty at the time was knife throwing. They teamed up and were immediate hits.

Though the act disbanded when Brownie went into defense work at the beginning of World War II, the team and the trust has continued through 25 years of marriage.

Brownie drives a standard model car with the help of "adaptors" he made. The stilt like extensions for throttle and brake keep him skimming through traffic but he says, "I sometimes gets stopped by a policeman who thinks a youngster has sneaked out with the family car."



George McKenzie, left, stops to chat with Roger (Brownie) Brown, who is about to call his family in Santa Monica. The men are Douglas Aircraft Corporation inspectors working at the Sacramento division on special assignment.

